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## 'Other airlines have expressed interest'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres issued a statement yesterday to reiterate his administration's firm commitment to the Japan market, despite the recent announcement of Delta Air Lines that it is pulling out of the Narita-Saipan route in May 2018.

Saying he is "firmly committed" to Japan, Torres said he would be calling for an emergency meeting with the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Commonwealth Ports Authority next week to discuss ways to "ensure airlift from Japan continues in the wake of Delta Air Lines' decision to suspend flights to the CNMI in May."

"It takes many months for an airline to receive government approval to launch flights from Japan and the U.S., but our commitment to continuing air service remains steadfast," said Torres, requesting for patience and understanding.

According to the governor, he and MVA managing director Chris A. Concepcion met with Delta Air Lines executives in Tokyo this week to broker the possible continuation of flights, on a charter

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## CARE gets \$425K donation, dodges shutdown



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, poses with Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, far right and Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts executive director Maxine Laszlo as Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC present the \$425,000 check to CARE yesterday at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center on Capital Hill.

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The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts received a whopping donation of nearly half-a-million dol-

lars yesterday from Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, which allowed the non-profit organization to continue operating.

According to CARE executive director Maxine Laszlo,

the \$425,000 that IPI gave is the largest one-time donation to CARE and would be used to finish rebuilding the homes of families who still need help in the wake of the onslaught of Typhoon

Soudelor in August 2015.

Laszlo said the large donation allowed CARE to continue its operations; it nearly shut down due to the lack of funds.

"The [donation] is to finish See **CARE** on **Page 4**

## Former student opens fire at Florida school, killing 17

**PARKLAND, Fla. (AP)—**A former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending hundreds of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of classrooms shortly before the



day ended at one of the state's largest schools, officials said.

Authorities offered no im- See **FORMER** on **Page 4**

## Illegal workers 'remind' Torres of their presence

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Chinese construction workers who came to Saipan as tourists reminded Gov. Ralph DLG Torres of their sad plight yesterday after the governor, in his testimony during a U.S.

Senate hearing last week, said he was unaware of any unpaid construction workers remaining on Saipan.

» **Torres: they are out of our jurisdiction**

A representative of the five unpaid workers who illegally worked on the construction of the Imperial See **ILLEGAL** on **Page 4**

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# Local

## 20th Mock Trial HS championship today

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The elimination round of the Northern Mariana Islands mock trial high school competition started yesterday as it celebrates its 20th year of organizing students in public and private schools from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to prepare legal cases that they can present as a team in front of a judge and jury.

The competition will end in the championship round today at 3pm at the Supreme Court courtroom, presided

by Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The CNMI Mock Trial Program is sponsored by the Judiciary, Public School System, and the CNMI Bar Association.

It is a law-related education experience designed to increase student's critical thinking, improve public speaking skills, and enhance their comprehension of the American system of justice, said mock trial coordinator Deanna Ogo.

"The program provides a challenging and interactive ac-

ademic competition and a fun way of introducing students to our legal system," she said.

Board of Education associate commissioner Jackie Qui-tugua said this exercise teaches students how the judicial system works.

"This will give the kids the opportunity to improve on integrated skills such as communication skills, negotiation, comprehension, research, questioning strategies, and the most important part is fostering relationships, as we need the children to work well with others," she said.

"We believe that these children are very innovative and creative and I want the kids to shock me in a way to provoke my thinking and see things in a different perspective, where in I can say 'that's a great solution that the students thought of and I didn't.' So we want our students to shine like diamonds during this exercise," she added.

The students began their preparations months before. This required them to stay in school after instructional hours and some weekends to work with their coaches.

This is the third year that Christian Murante, a junior at Saipan Southern High

School, has joined the mock trial competition.

"Every time I join is always a thrill as there is both excitement and nervousness involved. The experience has allowed me to have clarity on what I want to do as a career as this inspires me get a *juris* doctorate and developed logical thinking that I apply in many aspects of life," he said.

"Mock trial has made me a team player, knowing how to communicate with others, express what I think and how I present myself in public. There are many things that I learned from my teammates, teacher and attorney coaches," he added.

Attorney coach Robby Glass uses his personal time to volunteer and prepare his team.

"This my second year coaching and the fulfillment

each time is great as we direct the students to be familiar with legal procedures such as direct and cross examination and entering evidence. Some of them don't know anything about the court system or how anything works and this is about them learning too and not just about the competition because this help them to develop as individuals as well," he said.

"Believe it or not but there are some students here that are better attorneys. They are fantastic as they craft these openings and closings... As coaches, we learn just as much teaching and coaching," he added.

The school that will win this year's mock trial competition will represent the CNMI at the National School Mock Trial Championship on May10-12, 2018, in Reno, Nevada.




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# Man gets prison for beating wife in front of child

The Superior Court slapped an 18-month prison term on a man who beat up his wife and hit her with the back end of an axe as she was holding their 2-year-old child in Koblerville.

Kerik Babauta Lizama, 38, pleaded guilty last Tuesday to assault with a dangerous weapon.

The remaining charges—child abuse, interfering with a domestic violence report, assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace—were dropped as

part of the deal.

Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio sentenced Lizama to five years in prison, all suspended except for 18 months, without the possibility of parole. Lizama was given credit for time served.

After his prison term, Lizama will be placed on supervised probation for five years.

During his probation, he will be prohibited from having any contact with the victim, complete treatment at the Community Guidance

Center, and not allowed to possess or consume any alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.

Lizama was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and pay restitution, \$100 in court assessment fee, and probation fee to be assessed by the Office of Adult Probation.

Lizama assaulted the victim with an axe in the presence of their child last Oct. 10.

According to police, an officer who responded to the scene at a home in Koblerville at 4:35pm that day saw the

victim with swelling on the back of her head and nape, a small laceration on her left shoulder, and a small bump on the forehead.

Police learned that Lizama only stopped beating the woman when a female witness shouted at him to stop and when he saw the victim already bleeding.

The victim told police that she was carrying their baby outside the house of the witness when Lizama pulled her hair back, causing her to fall.

Lizama then punched her in the forehead while she

was still holding the child. He then went to the storage room to get an axe, prompting her to run to the kitchen, where Lizama's sister and the witness were there.

Lizama entered the kitchen and hit the victim with the axe. The victim, who was crying, protected the child from being hit.

The two witnesses tried to

stop Lizama. When Lizama's sister phoned the police, he shouted at her to put down the phone.

The police then called back and the victim told the officer that it was just a misunderstanding. Police later came and arrested Lizama. The reason behind the beating was not indicated in the police report. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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# Kilili hopes Torres convinces Delta to reconsider

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) hopes that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres works with Delta Air Lines and manage to convince it to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Marianas.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* he is hoping that Torres and the Marianas Visitors Authority “will do everything they can” to change Delta’s decision to pull out flights to and from the CNMI.

“Losing this route is a major inconvenience and added expense for travelers from

the Marianas who want to get to the mainland U.S. And it makes it difficult for tourists from Japan to visit the Marianas,” said Sablan, adding that over 50,000 Japanese visitors arrived in the CNMI in 2017.

Comparing the event to when Japan Airlines withdrew flights in 2005, the delegate under-

stands that Delta’s decision to pull out is a business move.

“As with JAL, Delta’s decision is probably purely business. Delta can use its equipment on routes that are more profitable than the Saipan-Tokyo route,” Sablan stated.

He pointed out that Delta is a U.S. carrier, so the decision

to pull out has “nothing to do with cabotage.”

Cabotage restricts the operation of transport services within a country to that country’s own transport service; in Delta’s case, within the U.S. and its territories.

Torres was scheduled to arrive on Saipan last Tuesday after attending a hearing in Washington, D.C. regarding the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program, according to press secretary Kevin Bautista, and was unable to comment as of publication.

In a previous statement from the administration on the matter, Torres was set to meet with the management of Delta this week to “reiterate” their partnership with the CNMI.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion and Torres met with Delta Airlines executives in Tokyo last November and were assured that the Narita-Saipan route will be maintained.

Delta’s decision to pull out from the CNMI was made by the Delta in Atlanta and was reportedly part of their U.S. mainland route expansion.

“While we are genuinely disappointed about this decision, I remain committed to the Japan market and the historical and cultural ties between the Marianas and Japan.

We will be meeting with Delta Air Lines next week to reiterate our partnership, but we will keep our options regarding the route open. We are very grateful to Delta for their 29 years of service to the CNMI and its partnership over the decades,” Torres had said.

“It is our collective goal to remain on top of the shifting markets here in the Pacific, and that includes making sure that visitors from Japan can continue to visit our islands, and our people continue to have viable air transportation through the Narita route, which is a historical one for many of our friends and families. I will continue to work with MVA, [the Commonwealth Ports Authority], our leaders, and our community to achieve this shared goal,” he added.

Delta would cease to operate in the CNMI and Palau starting this May 6, 2018. It ceased operation in Guam last year.

The pullout would affect the Saipan-Narita route and heavily impact travel and imports from that region of Japan. If the pullout pushes through, that would result in no more direct flights to Japan from Saipan. Anybody going to Japan would have to transit through Incheon, Seoul, or Hong Kong.

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mediate details on the 19-year-old suspect or any possible motive, except to say that he had been kicked out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which has about 3,000 students.

Students who knew the shooter, identified as Nikolas Cruz, described a volatile teenager whose strange behavior had caused others to end friendships with him, particularly after the fight that led to his expulsion.

Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live television footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

“It is a horrific situation,” said Robert Runcie, superintendent of the school district

in Parkland, about an hour’s drive north of Miami. “It is a horrible day for us.”

The suspect was taken into custody without a fight in a residential neighborhood about a mile away. He had multiple magazines of ammunition, authorities said.

“It’s catastrophic. There really are no words,” Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel told reporters.

The attacker used the fire alarm “so the kids would come pouring out of the classrooms into the hall,” Sen. Bill Nelson told CNN.

“And there the carnage began,” said Nelson, who said he was briefed by the FBI.

The Florida Democrat said he did not know if the gunman used the smoke grenades, but he assumed that’s why he had a gas mask on.

Most of the fatalities were inside the building, though some victims were found outside. The dead included a foot-

ball coach, the sheriff said.

More than a dozen other people were wounded and taken to hospitals, doctors said.

Victoria Olvera, a junior at the school, said Cruz was expelled last school year because he got into a fight with his ex-girlfriend’s new boyfriend. She said he had been abusive to his girlfriend.

“I think everyone had in their minds if anybody was going to do it, it was going to be him,” she said.

Dakota Mutchler, another junior, said he used to be friends with Cruz. But he cut off the friendship as Cruz’s behavior “started progressively getting a little more weird.” Cruz posted on Instagram about killing animals and threatened one of Mutchler’s friends, he said.

He remembered that Cruz had a pellet gun and did target practice in his backyard.

Student Daniel Huerfano said he recognized Cruz from an Instagram photo in which

Cruz had posed with a gun in front of his face.

Cruz “was that weird kid that you see ... like a loner,” he said.

Freshman Max Charles was in class when he heard five gunshots.

“We were in the corner, away from the windows,” he said. “The teacher locked the door and turned off the light. I thought maybe I could die or something.”

As he was leaving the building, he saw four dead students and one dead teacher. He said he was relieved when he finally found his mother.

“I was happy that I was alive,” Max said. “She was crying when she saw me.”

About an hour after the attack, Michael Nembhard was sitting in his garage on a cul-de-sac when he saw a young man in a burgundy shirt walking down the street. In an instant, a police cruiser pulled up, and officers jumped out with guns drawn.

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al Pacific Resort casino under MCC Construction reminded Torres that they remain on Saipan—still unpaid.

“Gov. Torres: We are still here! Still unpaid!” said the five remaining workers in a picture posted on social media.

Last Feb. 6, Torres attended a U.S. Senate hearing on U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski’s (R-AK) S. 2325, the bill that would extend the CNMI’s transition period until 2029, effectively extending critical programs such as the CW program and E-2C investor program along with it. Murkowski chairs the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which conducted the hearing.

During the hearing, U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) asked Torres if he knows of any unpaid workers on Saipan, to which he responded that he was unaware of such.

In a statement issued by a representative of the workers, it said it is “hard to understand” how Torres does not know about the unpaid workers on Saipan.

“On Dec. 12, 2017, both *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety* reported about unpaid workers still in the island,” the

statement claimed, adding that even the local television station ran stories on the issue.

The statement cited a previous story from a local media outlet that quoted CNMI Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente as saying that, “IPI is really under no obligation to offer [the workers] back wages...” and that it was not the CNMI DOL’s job to “assist tourists.”

“It is one thing if [Torres] and the CNMI government will not investigate, let alone require that Imperial Pacific pay these workers their unpaid wages and liquidated damages. However, Gov. Torres must at least be honest with the U.S. Senate that these casino construction workers remain on Saipan—now for over 10 months—without having been paid what they are owed under federal law,” the statement further stated, after citing several reports of the unpaid worker situation in local media outlets.

A statement from the Torres administration clarified with *Saipan Tribune* that issues on back wages owed were addressed in November 2017 by the U.S. Department of Labor after determining that the case was outside of the CNMI Department of Labor’s jurisdiction.

“[Torres] believed that because it is outside of the CNMI’s jurisdiction, that the

federal authorities would resolve it from their end,” press secretary Kevin Bautista said.

“U.S. DOL informed the administration in November that there was a settlement reached with the contractors who hired these individuals to come to the CNMI and work illegally,” Bautista said, adding that U.S. DOL could not provide the administration with the settlement details because the cases involved an “international settlement.”

Bautista added that the remaining workers were informed by U.S. DOL that in order for them to receive their back wages from the settlement, they would have to go back to China and open a bank account in their name.

“They were instructed by U.S. DOL in their language, in writing, and in person back in November 2017,” noted Bautista, adding that CNMI DOL was there to make sure that the workers received their back wages and an airline ticket from IPI beginning on Sept. 28, 2017, to Nov. 22, 2017.

Despite IPI and U.S. DOL’s offers, the remaining workers have refused to accept and demanded more money from U.S. DOL. The workers reportedly demanded for compensation since the time when they stopped working up to the present and Bautista

noted that the U.S. DOL told them that could only be paid the back wages for the hours they claimed to have worked for the contractor.

“The CNMI DOL or the administration has no jurisdiction to intervene in the matter. In the interest of humanitarian need, the administration advocated that these workers are still taken care of. IPI then offered the workers meals, housing, and utilities at no charge,” Bautista stated.

“Given that these workers were here as overstaying tourists, in accordance with federal immigration law, CNMI DOL, under the advice of U.S. DOL, gave the list of names to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE,” he continued, adding that despite having no jurisdiction in the matter, CNMI DOL has “properly coordinated and assisted” U.S. DOL.

“...These workers have continually refused to accept the offer, all while IPI has offered them meals, housing, and utilities at no charge. As stated in previous public statements, the governor denounces the illegal practices by these contractors and has implemented strict local measures to mandate proper employee documentation in order to better assist our federal partners in the enforcement of labor laws.”

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basis, if feasible, for “time to map out our future plans for Japan.”

“We want to reiterate that Delta did not pull out of just Saipan. They pulled out of the entire Micronesia region, Palau, and Guam included,” said Torres, adding that it was a corporate decision from Delta headquarters in Atlanta and had nothing to do with the Saipan-Narita route’s viability.

“In fact, this route remains highly profitable with high yield and positive load factors. As we monitor shifts in the market, it’s only a matter of time before a new airline emerges on the scene.

“We met with a few other airlines that have expressed

interest in serving the route. At this time, we cannot divulge that information due to nondisclosure agreements, but we will provide you updates. This opens up opportunities for new airlift from Tokyo, and conceivably from other large cities in Japan,” Torres assured.

“My administration and I remain firmly committed to Japan, and this will never waiver. We want to reassure our Japanese business partners in the CNMI that the Japan market will rebound and there will be more opportunities for growth in the coming future. We ask for everyone’s patience and support,” he added.

Delta Air Lines announced in early February their intention to end the Narita-Saipan flights on May 6, 2018.

## CARE

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out our rebuilding operations and all of the things that are a component of that, which is primarily for building materials and paying contractors for things that the Mennonite Disaster Services can’t do such as masonry and such,” Laszlo told *Saipan Tribune*.

While the IPI donation is the largest donation to CARE, Laszlo noted that both the CNMI government also previously donated a similar

amount of over \$400,000, in installments. The non-profit organization also received a \$303,000 appropriation for fiscal year 2017 and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has also allocated grants and funding to CARE.

In July 2017, CARE requested the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for funding amounting to \$650,000, which CARE reportedly did not get.

CARE, created in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor in 2015, took the lead in the rebuilding effort.



## Lawmakers divvy up \$1.4 million for Rota

Lengthy debates ensued as the Rota Legislative Delegation led by Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota) met yesterday to allocate Rota's \$1.4 million obtained from the annual casino license fee.

Rota, which receives \$2 million annually from Public Law 18-56, or the law that allowed the casino industry to enter the CNMI, has a balance of over \$1.4 million after their previous appropriation of \$522,189 was allocated toward the salaries of Rota Mayor's Office employees.

According to delegation member Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who proposed a substitute version of Rep. Glenn Maratita's (R-Rota) House Local Bill 20-55 to reflect minor changes, the new bill now addresses comments from the Rota Mayors Office, past due obligations of the Rota Municipality, the subsistence allowance for dialysis and terminally ill patients, salaries for 26 municipal employees, and a final payment to a debt owed the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, among many others.

The bill allocates \$116,214 for medical referral subsistence; \$147,349 for Rota municipal employees; \$58,000 for Rota scholarships; \$200,000 for the Rota Gaming Commission; \$10,000 for Rota inter-island medical referrals; \$75,000 for Department of Lands and Natural Resources Rota's procurement of a tractor and its attachments; \$50,000 for Agriculture Affairs; \$12,000 for the upcoming Flame Tree Festival; and \$50,000 as final payment for a debt owed the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation.

While the bill encompasses even more allocations from the over \$1.4 million budget, Santos wishes that the delegation is able to identify even more funding for Rota.

Santos also pointed out that the Rota delegation also owes the SNILD about \$490,000 back in the 19th Legislature and had promised to pay it. HLB 20-55 also marks the Rota Delegation's final payment. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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## Labor undergoes training to enhance employment services

The CNMI Department of Labor's Division of Employment Services recently underwent training to improve services to job applicants.

According to Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, the training focused on various methods of screening job applicants and using an intuitive approach throughout the interview process by the Division of Employment Services.

"The job market is constantly evolving, and adapting to these new methods helps the division prepare and address labor needs. We discussed the importance of observing body language, attitudes, and

presentation of self during the screening and interviewing process as well as making compatible job referrals," Benavente said.

She noted that learning the perspective of employers during intake of referrals made by the DES is a vital consideration for not only the labor pool, but as an outlook on the economy.

The division has also started a process of tracking job applicants after they have been hired, said Eugene Tebuteb, the director of Employment Services.

"We understand that further assisting employees at the start of their new job and encouraging them in developing

their skills and career path is necessary. Part of the training includes communicating with employers regarding potential setbacks. This is the reality and we are honing on this holistic but data-driven approach [that] fosters collaboration and contributes to economic growth, while increasing access to quality training and long-term employment outcomes," Tebuteb said.

Building on the need for workforce development, Benavente said this training helps to identify barriers for key industries in the Commonwealth and the needed modifications for employment services.

"Essentially, effective employment services rely on a strong understanding of human resources. By seeking collaboration with employers to identify...the nature of jobs and the intricacies of the job itself, we are committing to the long-term product of employment services. Focusing on this practical application, as well as Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines produces a better workforce that is enhanced by better employment practices throughout our Commonwealth," Benavente said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that enhancing employ-

ment services is one of many ways to address employment accessibility gaps and mitigate turnover rates.

"Last month when the CNMI Workforce Development Board convened, I knew that this strong collaboration among our key industries would provide reliable information and resources to

strengthen innovation in our workforce and opportunities for growth. This is all part of adapting to and improving our labor pool. At the end of the day, these workforce development activities, policies, and practices renew our commitment to building a resilient workforce from the ground up," Torres said. (PR)

## OPD urges Superior Court to compel OAG to produce police report, witness statements

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REPORTER

The Office of the Public Defender wants the Superior Court to order the Office of the Attorney General to produce the police report, witness statements, and any physical evidence prior to the continuation of a preliminary hearing in the case against a man facing charges of stealing and forging checks.

Assistant public defender Heather M. Zona, counsel for Nelsin A. Saimon, asked the court for police records and information that a police detective had said he used to refresh his recollection and/or familiarize himself with this case prior to testifying at the preliminary hearing.

Zona said that materials used by any witness to refresh his or her recollection must be provided to Saimon. Failing to do so would constitute an interference with Saimon's right to effective assistance of counsel and right to cross-examine witnesses.

Saimon was arrested last Jan. 27 on charges of theft and forgery.

At the preliminary hearing last Feb. 5, Zona said, the only materials the prosecution pro-

vided to the defense were the affidavit of probable cause and the information.

Zona said no other materials were provided to the defense and no materials were entered into evidence at the preliminary hearing.

Police detective Daniel T. Joab, the sole witness for the prosecution, testified about the interviews he conducted and materials he reviewed.

Zona said Joab also testified that another officer, interviewed the victim, reviewed video footage, interviewed another individual concerning some checks allegedly drawn on an account, and reviewed the checks.

Zona said none of these actions were performed in the presence of Joab. She said Joab testified he read the officer's report.

Zona said that Joab testified that prior to the preliminary hearing, he had reviewed notes and police files concerning the case to refresh his recollection and familiarize himself with the case.

Zona said that when the defense asked for these materials, the prosecution refused to produce them.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho then adjourned the preliminary hearing.

## Famed pianist revisits Saipan

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REPORTER

Renowned pianist Roman Rudnytsky has once again shared his knowledge of the performing arts with Saipan, performing on the piano in two concerts this week and doing demonstrations in several schools on the island.

This is Rudnytsky's ninth visit to Saipan. He said that coming to Saipan is always a great experience and he has enjoyed every visit. Throwing in a chance to let people experience the wonders of classical music is a plus.

About 50 individuals gathered at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center yesterday to experience Rudnytsky's performance on the piano.

Rudnytsky performed a special "Magic of Love" concert last night that included selections from classical masters like Chopin, Albeniz, Beethoven, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff.

Neil Fama, the grand prize winner in Bridge Capital's CNMI's Got Talent, also en-

tertained guests during intermission with a demonstration of his magical talent.

Since arriving last Feb. 3, Rudnytsky has visited CNMI schools, both public and private, playing for their enjoyment and discussing classical music with the students. He will continue his school visits daily during his two-week stay in the CNMI.

Rudnytsky travels at his own expense and donates his time to the community.


For those interested in catching a Rudnytsky performance, his second concert will be on Saturday, Feb. 17, also at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

This performance will also be open to the public at the cost of \$6 for adult Friends of the Arts members, \$8 for adult non-members, \$4 for students and children over age 4.

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# HANMI donates \$1K to Office on Aging

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REPORTER

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands donated \$1,000 to the Office on Aging in place of the annual Thanksgiving lunch.

During the *Man'amko* Valentine's program last Wednesday, HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh and vice chair Nick Nishikawa announced the association's monetary donation that would fund the *man'amko*'s upcoming activities.

Usually, the association shows its appreciation for the elderly by hosting a Thanksgiving or Christmas luncheon but since there were so many different agencies and groups hosting luncheons throughout the month of November and December, the association decided to just make a donation.

"Every year, we just do a donation to the Aging Center and to the *man'amko*. It used to be that we would feed the group on Thanksgiving or Christmas time but everyone was feeding the group so we thought it would mean more if we just gave them money," she said.

Cavanagh said a monetary donation was a better choice. That way, the *man'amko* can choose what they want to use the money on, like their upcoming trip to Rota in May.

"That way they can go ahead and use the money as they deem necessary, and it looks like they are trying to raise money to go to Rota,"

she said.

Nishikawa said that it is always a great experience to give back to the *man'amko*.

"Every time I come here,

which is every year, I always gain energy from them (the *man'amko*)," said Nishikawa.

Office on Aging director Walter Manglona said that

he and all the *man'amko* are appreciative of HANMI's generosity.

"The kind of good deeds that they do, we don't for-

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# SHRM promotes alcohol- and drug-free workplace

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REPORTER

The promotion of an alcohol- and drug-free workplace was the center of discussions at the Society for Human Resource Management meeting yesterday at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

Clinical director Sandra Bordello and veteran advocate Daniel Duenas of West Care Pacific Islands in Guam led the talk to reinforce the drug-free policy of private corporations on island.

Bordello said she and Duenas were invited by West Care CNMI to conduct an alcohol



BEA CABRERA

Clinical director Sandra Bordello of West Care Pacific Islands Guam talks during a Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter meeting at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

and drug abuse presentation for the benefit of the human resources department of private corporations in the CNMI.

"This talk is meant to support human resources... and a prelude of what we can do in the community—for the people and the government as well. Employers invest a lot in their employees and... we are saying that help is available for these employees," Bordello added.

Duenas said the program also help bring awareness not only here on CNMI but also in Guam where employers face problems in the workplace.

"This talk also makes the employers know that when an employee has an alcohol or drug addiction problem, you do not need to fire them on the spot but instead offer assistance to the employee and that if an employee asks for help, this is where we can come in," he said.

"So employers can seek our assistance and provide training in the workplace. Supervisors don't have to stress out and have any conflict with the employee. We can intervene and reach out to the employee as we provide both preventive measures and treatment," he added.

Frances M. Sablan, program coordinator of West Care CNMI, said that they have the resources and expertise of licensed practitioners.

"This is the first time that we are presenting to SHRM but we have been conducting trainings for the Office of Personnel Management of the government such as the supervisors," she said.

"We have trained since May last year 52 supervisors in the government and, on Friday, we are going to be presenting to about 20-30 supervisors on Rota and then Tinian," she added.

According to Sablan, West Care Pacific Islands also targets autonomous agencies.

"We are not only catering to the private companies that SHRM represents but also the government. We are also reaching out to autonomous agencies... because alcohol and substance abuse is just about everywhere and awareness is key to preventing these addictions," she said.

"We are also working with Department of Corrections in terms of trying to provide services for their employees [and] the inmates because we have an inmate program. Schools are one of the autonomous agencies that we are reaching out to because principals and teachers not only affect their peers but especially their students," she added.

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# IPI's '2nd Time Around' project backs rehab work

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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 8th birthday to my niece Bernadette Joyce Montano, who will mark her special day tomorrow, Feb 17. Greetings coming from Jane Montano and family.

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Happiest 6th birthday to our princess, Keanalise Arianne. Wishing you lots of love and happiness. May the good Lord continue to bless you, always! We love you. Greetings come from your family!

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(CNMI) LLC has launched an initiative called "A 2nd Time Around," which supports various programs focused on helping re-integration into the community.

This initiative arose from CSR's partnership with the CNMI Drug Court last year. Realizing the great impact of this partnership, CSR wanted to expand and do more. It was then that the partnership with the CNMI's Office of Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation began.

SAR operates the HOPE Recovery Center and has identified that an immediate need of this recovery center is clothing for participants to use when attending their scheduled court appearances and/or interviews. In "A 2nd Time Around," the team built clothes racks and solicited lightly worn clothes from IPI employees.

Among those that were donated and turned over to the HOPE Recovery Center were two clothes racks made by CSR and apparel that included long- and short-sleeved shirts, ties, trousers, belts, shoes, skirts, and blouses. Yvette Sablan, special assistant for Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation, received them on behalf of the HOPE Recovery Center.



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Imperial Pacific Corporate Social Responsibility senior director Geri Dela Cruz, fourth left, with IPI-CSR personnel presented on Monday Imperial Pacific's donation to Yvette Sablan, special assistant for Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation, who received them on behalf of the HOPE Recovery Center.

According to Imperial Pacific International CSR senior director Geri Dela Cruz, this project was pioneered last year in partnership with the CNMI Drug Court and continues partnerships involving rehabilitation work.

This is also a creative way to promote the culture of civic engagement and involvement of Imperial Pacific's CSR Program.

"We are a small community and we would love to see everyone be given a second chance. We have seen it before. There are many who

were given a second chance of difference. We hope that would do the same," Dela and are now making a world other in the community Cruz added. (PR)

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## IT&E steps up as Extreme Pika sponsor



Rob Harrell, IT&E Executive director of Customer Operations, right, presents a check for the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival to the Marianas Visitors Authority on Feb. 9, 2018, at the IT&E office in Chalan Laulau, Saipan. From left are MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas, MVA Community Projects specialists Ray Villagomez and Ed Diaz, and Harrell.

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IT&E has joined Bridge Investment Group LLC as an Extreme Pika sponsor for the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Feb. 17 & 18, 2018.

IT&E executive director of Customer Operations Rob Harrell presented a sponsorship check on behalf of the company to the Marianas Visitors Authority on Feb. 9, 2018, at the IT&E office in Chalan Laulau.

The company's sponsorship includes \$2,000 cash, WiFi internet service at the festival grounds, and three cellular units as contest prizes: a Samsung Galaxy J5 Pro, a Blu R1 Plus, and a Figo Atrium.

"IT&E remains steadfast in its support of the Marianas

Visitors Authority's efforts in promoting tourism in our islands," said IT&E general manager Rose A. Soledad. "We are particularly proud to participate as an exclusive major sponsor to echo our commitment."

The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival is co-organized by MVA, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the 16th Tinian Municipal Council and sponsored by MVA members. The road/off road 65K Pika Bike Race will be held on Feb. 17 at 6am. The festival will be held on Feb. 17 from 2pm to 11pm and on Feb. 18, from 10am to 11pm.

Activities on Feb. 17 will include a women's hot pep-

per eating contest. Feb. 18 will also include an *kadun pika* (spicy stew) cooking contest at 12pm, arm wrestling, a men's hot pepper eating contest, JC Café Burger Eating Contest, a cha-cha contest, children's *umang* (hermit crab) race, tug of war at 3:30pm, sack race, and outrigger canoe race. Other activities include indigenous craft sales, live entertainment including cultural dances, and beach volleyball.

The available ferry slots aboard the *Super Emerald* ferry schedule are: Feb. 16, departing Tinian at 8:30pm; Feb. 17, departing Saipan at 9am and departing Tinian at 5pm; Feb. 18, departing Saipan at

9am; and Feb. 19, departing Saipan at 8am and departing Tinian at 12pm. Passengers will depart from the Commonwealth Ports Authority dock in Lower Base and must check in one hour before departure. Ferry round trip cost is \$20 for ages 3-11, \$35 for ages 12 and older, and free for children ages 0-2. For one way, the cost is \$10 for ages 3-11, \$18 for ages 12 and older, and free for children ages 0-2. Advance ticket purchase is required and will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Passengers are allowed

up to 70 lbs of cargo, including bicycles. A \$10 fee will be charged for additional cargo. Ticket purchases may be made at the MVA Office on Tinian and Saipan. Cash payments only will be accepted.

Star Marianas Air, in cooperation with the MVA and Tinian Mayor's Office, will extend its normal hours of operation during the festival. On Feb. 17 and Feb. 18, scheduled flights will be extended, with the last flights leaving Tinian at 10:30pm.

In addition, the MVA will provide free shuttle transpor-

tation between Tinian International Airport, Port of Tinian, and the festival grounds, only. Hotels on island include Tinian Ocean View Hotel, Fleming's Hotel, Lorilynn's Hotel, Tinian Street Motel, and Green Lion House Hotel, and some hotels offer airport shuttle as well.

For more information, contact the MVA Tinian office at 1 (670) 433-9365, email MVA Field Operations supervisor Vida Borja at [vborja@mymarianas.com](mailto:vborja@mymarianas.com), or visit The Marianas Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com). (MVA)

## IT&E donates \$4,000 in cash and prizes to NMC Foundation



IT&E donated \$4,000 in cash and prizes to the NMC Foundation. The donation includes a Samsung Note 8, valued at over \$1,000. From left: Victoria Deleon Guerrero, NMC Marketing coordinator; Frankie Eliptico, dean of Institutional Advancement; Nathan Angui, NMC student; Janice Tenorio, IT&E Customer Service manager; Dr. Carmen Fernandez, NMC president; Hans Mickelson, IT&E sales manager; Joelín Mettao, NMC student; and Raymond Nakazato, NMC student.

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The company's donation includes a new Note 8, worth about \$1,000, that features an infinity screen, dual-pixel camera, and other high-tech features. IT&E is also providing six months of free data service.

The donation was made in support of the foundation's 15th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course.

The event will be the first major tournament of the year.

"We understand the important role that Northern Marianas College plays in educating our residents and preparing them for meaningful careers," said Rose Soledad, IT&E general manager. "We are proud to support the NMC Foundation's fundraising efforts and look forward to a successful tournament on March 3."

"We've come to consider IT&E a valuable and important partner in our mission of expanding educational opportunities for CNMI students," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "We are grateful for the company's unwavering support all these years."

"IT&E has been a longtime

sponsor of the NMC Foundation's annual tournament and we are grateful to see the company sign on as sponsors again," said Mary Tenorio, NMC Foundation president.

The golf tournament, the foundation's signature event that raises funds to support NMC's academic programs and services, will be held on March 3, 2018, at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort (west course). Showtime is at 6am and the shotgun start will be at 7am. The tournament will follow a medal play format.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Ladies Flights will each receive \$500, while \$300 and \$200 will go to the second and third place finishers, respectively.

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### EDITORIAL

## Raise smoking, vaping age to 21 and save lives

**S**tate lawmakers who care about the health of Washington youth need to vote to make it illegal to sell tobacco, either for smoking or vaping, to anyone under 21.

Smoking is still the most common preventable cause of death, from cancer, heart disease and stroke. The saddest part of smoking-related statistics is the fact that this slow-motion death sentence usually begins in the teen years. That's when 95 percent of adult smokers told a national survey they started, and when the brain is most susceptible to nicotine addiction.

Raising the minimum purchase age restriction to 21—from 18—won't stop every Washington teen from getting cigarettes, but it will squeeze the high-school pipeline of 18-year-olds buying cigarettes for their younger classmates.

Forty-one percent of tenth graders told Washington's healthy youth survey in 2014 that it's easy to get cigarettes.

Now that at least 200 municipalities plus California and Hawaii have voted to increase the age limit to 21, new data shows the policy change is having a positive impact.

A study published in the peer reviewed journal Tobacco Control found a law passed in Needham, Massachusetts, led to a 47 percent reduction in high school smoking.

Other research predicts a 12 percent decrease in smoking overall if sales are restricted to buyers 21 and older, according to the New England Journal of Medicine. The journal goes on to predict a nationwide Tobacco 21 rule would result in 249,000 fewer premature deaths, including 45,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer.

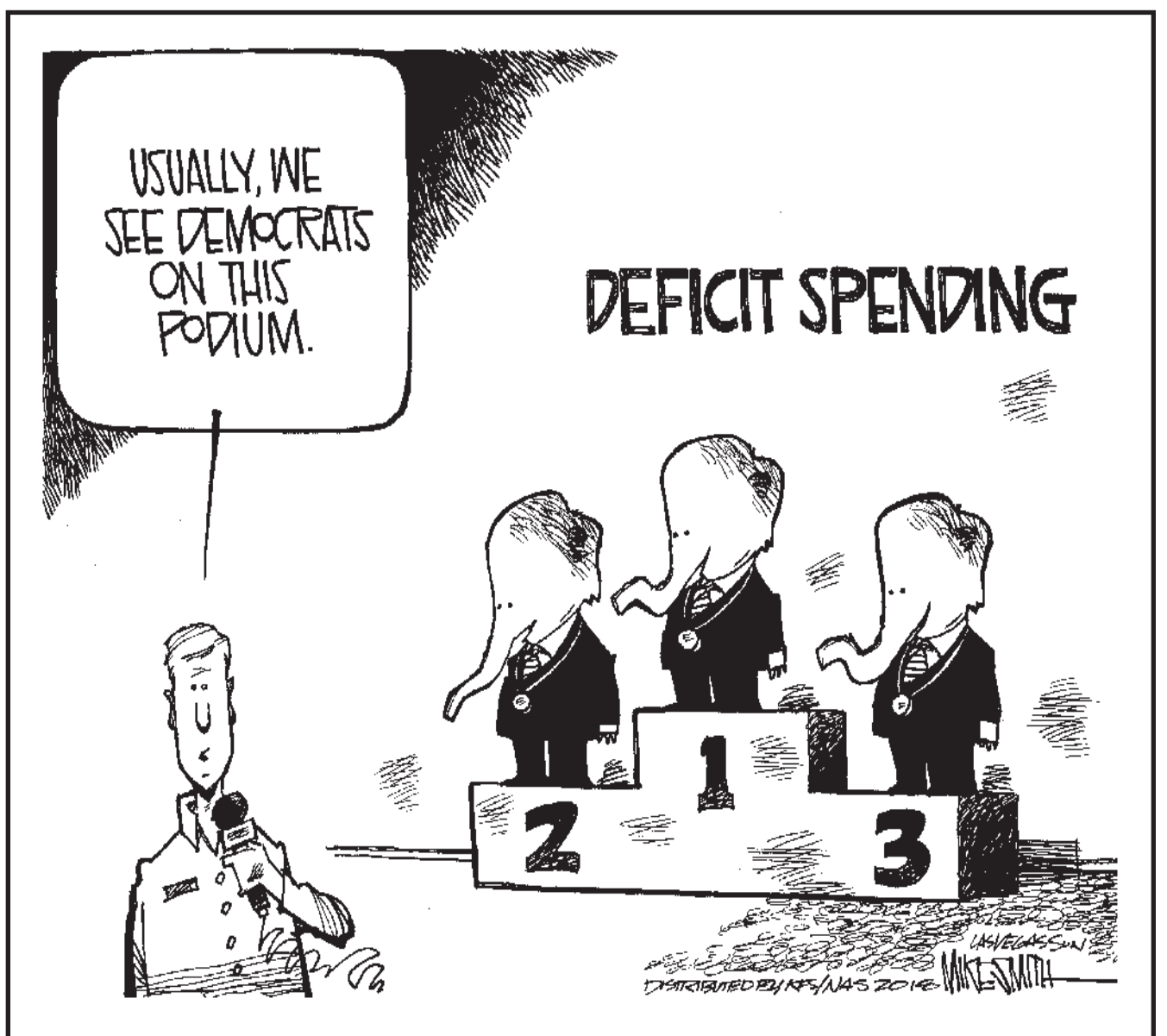
A fiscal note on Second Substitute House Bill 1054 says the measure would cost the state \$12 million in lost sales tax revenue per biennium because of a decrease in cigarette and vaping supply sales. That's a bargain compared to the long-term health costs related to smoking.

Another argument against the bill says the state should not restrict the choices of young people who volunteer for military service as young as age 18, the current minimum age to purchase tobacco products. But military officials say smoking is costly to the armed forces as well, because it contributes to troops being less combat ready and less physically fit.

The House should vote Tobacco 21 off the floor Wednesday, the deadline for policy bills to pass out of their house of origin.

This is a smart public-health proposal that will save lives and health.

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## How cold is it?

**I**t's a law of physics that there's cold, and then there's Korea cold. Korea cold is a whole 'nuther thing. The cold is, not surprisingly, a common theme in the coverage of the winter Olympics. This provides a good excuse to rehash a favorite math trick. After all, these kinds of tricks stick better when there's some immediate context for texture.

On the temperature front, Saipan is a Fahrenheit (often just abbreviated "F") outpost in a Celsius ("C") hemisphere. Being able to quickly make a rough equivalence between the two scales can come in handy. The rule of thumb we use for a quick approximation can also help us memorize, and use the formula for a precise calculation.

Here's the rule of thumb to make an approximate jump from Celsius to Fahrenheit: "Double it and add 30."

For example, one news report from Korea said the temperature at an Olympic event was minus 10 C.

To convert this to F, we first double the C. This gives us minus 20. And now we add 30 to it; this results in 10, so that's our (approximate) answer: 10 F.

Easy, eh? Yes. And, at temperatures we usually encounter in normal life, it's accurate enough for deciding whether you're going to pack your mink coat or your Speedo. For example, minus 10 C, which we just approximated as 10 F, is really 14 F if precisely calculated. So our approximation was off by four degrees F. That's good enough for many casual contexts.

But some contexts require more precision. We'll now consider how our rule of thumb can help here, too.

You might recognize the classroom formula:  $F = (9/5)C + 32$ . True, that formula will give you the precise answer, but it's a clunky format for mental math. The "9/5" ratio is awkward. Fortunately, we can just convert this ratio to its decimal equivalent, which is a more user-friendly 1.8.

You'll note that 1.8 is pretty close to the multiplier of two specified by the "double it" step in the rule of thumb I mentioned. And, yes, indeed, the "double it" is just a rounded-off version of the 1.8.

If you're a quick study, you'll apply this same logic to the "32" in the classroom formula; you'll see that it's also reflected in the rule of thumb in rounded form, namely, 30.

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With this in mind, it's easy to use the rule of thumb, "Double it and add 30," as a template to remember the precise formula, which is to say, "Multiply by 1.8 and add 32."

Now let's get fancy with this stuff. We know that water boils at 212 F. How can we put this point into its Celsius equivalent?

When going F-to-C instead of C-to-F, we just climb down the ladder in reverse order of how we climb up. We'll use the exact formula (as opposed to the rule of thumb) as an example. Facing this 212 F, first we subtract 32, which leaves us with 180. Then we divide that 180 by 1.8. This results in 100. So our answer is 100 C. Right? Right.

I have one last observation about "Double it and add 30." The same phrase, using units of distance (as opposed to units of temperature), can be used as a basis for estimating descent points in high-altitude jet flying. We need not detain ourselves with the aviation details here, but I just wanted to mention why "Double it and add 30" has such a special place in my brain.

Rules of thumb are often used in dynamic environments such as aviation, seafaring, navigation, and military operations. Using a rule of thumb often enhances situational awareness since it gives our brains some traction in the muddy dynamics of the real world.

Of course, by contrast, blindly following electronic screens has become an affliction of the common mind. Never before has the road-most-traveled been so widely paved.

But wherever our roads lead us, it's useful to know what the weather will be and what we should pack. After all, if it's 30 degrees, we'll have to figure out if we're talking "F" or "C" before reaching for the coat, or, perhaps, the zoris.



## Congressional queries

Listening to questions asked by members of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee headed by Sen. Lisa Murkowski shows that senators have the NMI's best interest at hand. But none held back admonishing the NMI on oversight issues requiring immediate attention.

It is obvious we have problems keeping steady and sturdy oversight on laws designed to strengthen our governmental institutions. Senators quizzed what has the NMI done rectifying outrageous violations of law, predatory labor practices, and money laundering.

A senator deferred questions how the casino law evolved—a clear violation of public mandate—that voted against casino twice. It's the voice of "we the people" trashed by public officials who decided to work as servile lapdogs for their new sugar daddy at our expense. Gee! The new hands of policymaking! Imagine trashing the collective sentiment of your people in favor of a law hastily crafted in Hong Kong.

So policymaking is now placed at the altar of shadow generals who receive funds from sugar daddies to guard their interest. They couldn't care less. But then they never had the public mandate from the outset, thus the apparent reckless behavior.

**Ooops!** Ralph, in the infamous Senate hearing for the CNMI U.S. Workforce Act, fumbled a question about the CNMI's current minimum wage, saying it's \$7.55 (video's available on the hearing). In an earlier hearing he couldn't remember the CNMI's unemployment rate. His advisor who sat behind him was rolling his eyes.

Was he nervous? Visibly so! Watch the rest of the video and see how he mishandled matters of state. But how is he representing the NMI not knowing as *basic* as the minimum wage? Call it misrepresentation!

**Posture:** The fiscal posture of the NMI is at best suspect, what with debts owed CUC to the tune of \$50 million plus CPA's \$23 million, discounting debts owed vendors, old debts, and current deficit. Can anyone pin down if revenue is overflowing to handle shortfalls?

Obviously, the NMI lacks public officials who are in fact fiscally responsible, thus poised to mind the store. One too many

misgivings are a tale of political immaturity. No wonder the constant reminder from Washington to work on oversight issues. It's how we strengthen self-government.

Raffy didn't know of a lobbying firm or its purported purpose. Can someone explain what's our benefit spending thousands of dollars in hard-earned taxpayers' money for services we never knew existed? Is the contract for Jason Osborne \$5,000 or more like \$70,000 in the last quarter filing?

**Disaster:** With the recent announcement of Delta Air Lines pulling out of the NMI in early May, it could only mean a major contraction in our tourism industry. Expectations of casino thriving are unrealistic, given the more poised competition in 30 casinos in Macau and more in nearby Asian countries. With tourism slated to contract, is there anything else in the horizon to support the fiscal needs of the NMI?

**Wage:** It's good to know that the proposed measure before Murkowski's committee includes the use of prevailing wage by private industries here. This should grant both local and foreign workers the opportunity to earn decent income for their trade or technical expertise. Plus it grants our people the opportunity to begin planning for the first family home that is secure, sanitary, and safe.

The current practice is basically one of deceit that goes around in a vicious cycle. A local finds employment with a private firm. Interesting that he still must rely on food stamps and housing assistance to provide decently for his family. What then is the use of finding employment if he can't exit freebies? Paying him the prevailing wage is the beginning of a more meaningful career and family life.

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The hearing included minute queries like an employee of Best Sunshine killed on the job and the hiring of hundreds of employees where nobody knows their employer. Then there's the unemployment rate of 7.5 percent or 1,800 locals looking for jobs. The incoherent answers given were, again, humiliating! It goes to show that the governor needs to have a fully poised staff who could advice him on vital matters of state as he prepares to head to Washington.

**Strengthening NMC:** The plan to turn Northern Marianas Trade Institute into a separate entity and apart from

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NMC veers off the greater goal of strengthening our only four-year institution.

In other words, NMTI programs should be placed under NMC where opportunities present themselves to strengthen it via an Apprenticeship Training Program. In neighboring Guam, the program combines on-the-job training provided by employers with trade-related classroom instruction by the Guam Community College and other educational or training institutions.

Training standards comply with federal guidelines. Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship training period, the apprentice earns journey worker status. If you will, the benefits of GCC's apprenticeship program include employee skill levels affecting the bottom dollar: journey workers provide better quality and higher productivity. Employers who train apprentices invest in their business future and avoid skill shortages. Apprenticeship training promotes corporate citizenship by supporting a valuable training program for employees. Student must be a high school graduate or have completed a high school equivalency program.

Upon successful completion of both components of the program, the apprentice earns a certificate of completion from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Under Article 15, Section 1 the amendment provided for the establishment of the Northern Marianas College, fulfilling its mandate on higher and vocational education. Its mandate is stipulated under Public Law 3-43 approved in 1983.

As such, we now have NMC that could handle both areas of instructions and implement it in all three of its campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. It also opens up opportunities to train and educate prospective students from the Micronesian region.

## Kilili: Workforce Act good for local businesses with legacy workers

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a four-part series by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), explaining aspects of the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act, which he introduced on Jan. 19. A hearing on the U.S. Workforce Act was held on Feb. 6 by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. To watch the hearing go to the <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhRUsvIeaHs>.*

Last time, we talked about problems our local businesses face in the current CW program and how my U.S. Workforce Act will help legitimate businesses get the workers they need.

I spent many hours with business people in listening sessions, getting ready for the negotiations here in Congress to draft the Workforce Act. One of the most frequent problems I heard about is what happens when what we call "legacy" workers are unable to get their CW permits renewed.

### Fixing the renewal problem for local businesses

The renewal problem began in 2016 when Chinese construction companies grabbed up about 4,000 CW permits, pushing aside our local businesses and their legacy employees.

A short-term solution was to bar new construction workers from getting CW permits. And President Trump signed into law my bill doing just that in August 2017.

A long-term solution, however, would be to provide a permanent status for legacy workers. In 2011, I brought a bill doing that to the House floor, but the Fitial administration stood in the way. In 2014, I included the same provision in the comprehensive immigration legislation that passed the Senate by a wide majority. But, in the House, Republicans refused to vote on the bill.

It has been frustrating. But I stayed focused on the goal of providing some stability for legacy workers and the businesses where they work. And the U.S. Workforce Act will help.

### A new, more stable category for long-term workers

The Act creates a new class of permits, CW-3, for workers who have had CW-1 permits for the last five years.

Employers will not have to get a foreign labor certification for CW-3 workers from the U.S. Department of Labor. Legacy workers have already proven their value to the Marianas economy.

And CW-3 permits will not have to be renewed every year. They are good for three years. So, both legacy workers and their employers will be spared the anxiety and uncertainty of the annual competition for CW-1 permits.

At the end of the three-year CW-3 permit, after going back to their home country for 30 days, CW-3 workers can get a new CW-3 good for another three years.

The CW-3 permit also saves businesses with legacy workers the cost of annual renewals, although the businesses will still pay into the fund for training U.S. workers each year, as they do now.

### Let me hear what you think

I have written this series of articles, so you, the people I work for, can have a deeper understanding of the legislation I wrote.

In summary, the U.S. Workforce Act:

1. Adds 10 years,
2. Lifts the cap by 8,001 permits,
3. Tightens up training and placement of U.S. workers,

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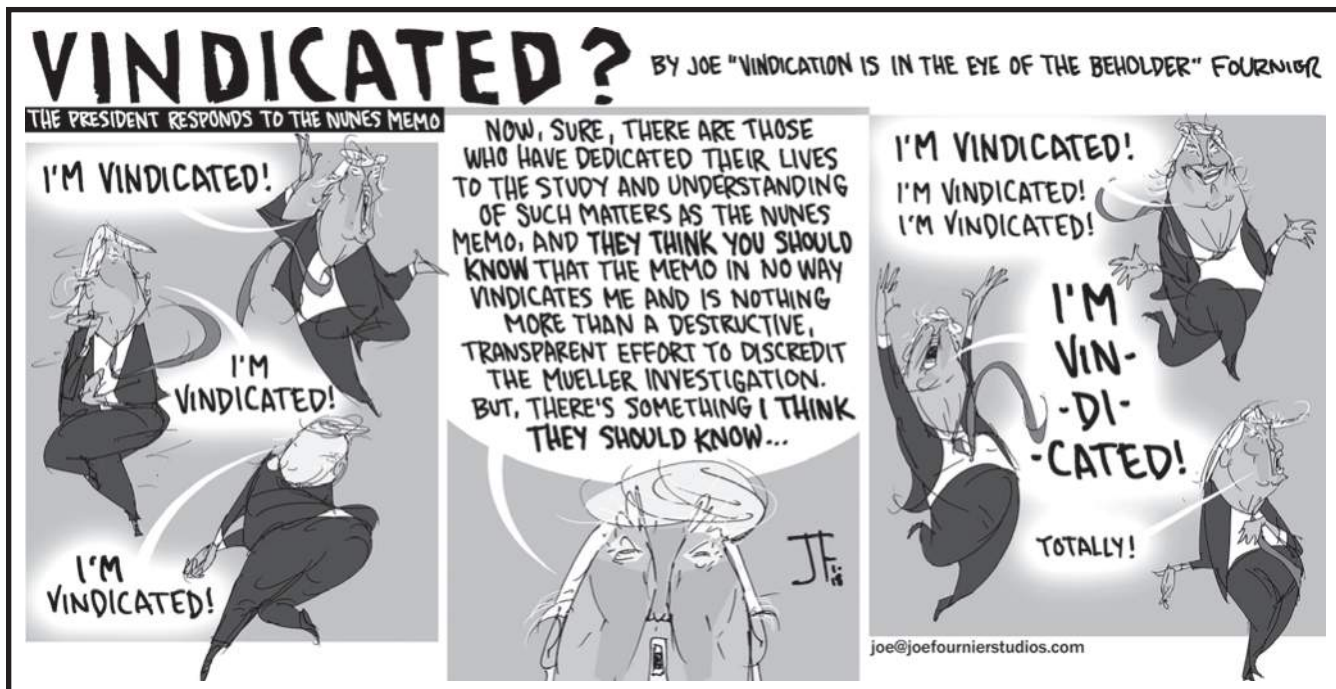


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4. Makes it more difficult for "bad actor" businesses, and
5. Creates a special new category for long-time workers.

I hope you found this information useful and that you will agree the U.S. Workforce Act will do the job of making sure we have enough people working to keep our economy growing and that more and more of those people are local, U.S. workers.






As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please, let me know. My e-mail is [kilili@mail.house.gov](mailto:kilili@mail.house.gov).



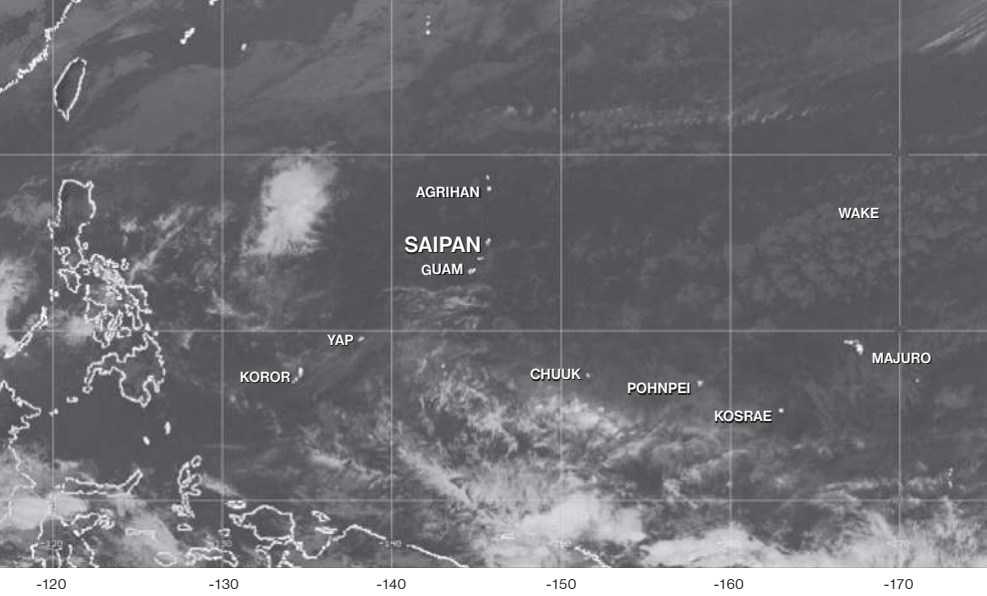


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY  | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| <br>Partly cloudy with isolated sprinkles. east winds 10 to 20 mph. | <br>Partly cloudy with isolated sprinkles. east winds 10 to 20 mph. | <br>Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. | <br>Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. | <br>Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. |
| ▲ 89° ▼ 78°  | ▲ 89° ▼ 78°  | ▲ 89° ▼ 78°   | ▲ 89° ▼ 77°   | ▲ 88° ▼ 77°  |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 4:27 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Dry times for the next few days. Last night`s balloon had just 1.28 inches of precipitable water and it doesn`t seem to have moistened since then. Applied the non-accumulating wording of sprinkles, since it looks like measurable rain will be a bit hard to come by. The last gasp early this morning managed to cough up 0.02 inches, looks like that will be it for the day. A few dry days will not matter that much though, because February has been having some wetter days previously. Some cloudier skies are seen out east. Not sure there are really any showers though, even clouds might help if the sun starts beating down on people too much.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

| MICRONESIA    |               |           | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Guam and Rota | Showers       | 85° / 76° |        |
| Palau         | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 77° |        |
| Yap           | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 78° |        |
| Chuuk         | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 80° |        |
| Pohnpei       | Showers       | 85° / 78° |        |
| Kosrae        | Showers       | 85° / 78° |        |
| Majuro        | Thunderstorm  | 84° / 79° |        |

| AROUND THE GLOBE |               |           | ▲ ▼ °F |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Auckland         | Showers       | 77° / 68° |        |
| Beijing          | Mostly Cloudy | 43° / 25° |        |
| Hong Kong        | Partly Cloudy | 70° / 64° |        |
| Honolulu         | Showers       | 80° / 66° |        |
| London           | Sunny         | 52° / 34° |        |
| Los Angeles      | Sunny         | 74° / 48° |        |
| Manila           | Partly Cloudy | 90° / 75° |        |
| Melbourne        | Sunny         | 81° / 57° |        |
| Miami            | Sunny         | 79° / 69° |        |
| New York         | Showers       | 58° / 27° |        |
| Osaka            | Mostly Cloudy | 46° / 34° |        |
| Paris            | Partly Cloudy | 50° / 36° |        |
| Busan            | Sunny         | 46° / 30° |        |
| Rome             | Mostly Sunny  | 55° / 37° |        |
| Salem            | Cloudy        | 74° / 56° |        |
| San Francisco    | Sunny         | 60° / 45° |        |
| Seoul            | Sunny         | 36° / 21° |        |
| Tokyo            | Mostly Sunny  | 52° / 30° |        |
| Washington, DC   | Rain          | 62° / 32° |        |



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY |           |       | FEET |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 2:15 AM                    | LOW TIDE  | -0.17 |      |
| 8:53 AM                    | HIGH TIDE | 1.88  |      |
| 2:39 PM                    | LOW TIDE  | 0.94  |      |
| 7:45 PM                    | HIGH TIDE | 1.88  |      |

| DAY      | SUNRISE | SUNSET  |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Today    | 6:41 AM | 6:21 PM |
| Saturday | 6:40 AM | 6:21 PM |
| Sunday   | 6:40 AM | 6:21 PM |
| Monday   | 6:39 AM | 6:21 PM |
| Tuesday  | 6:39 AM | 6:22 PM |

| DAY      | MOONRISE | MOONSET  | MOONRISE |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Today    | 6:47 am  | 6:40 pm  | -        |
| Saturday | 7:29 am  | 7:31 pm  | -        |
| Sunday   | 8:10 am  | 8:21 pm  | -        |
| Monday   | 8:51 am  | 9:12 pm  | -        |
| Tuesday  | 9:32 am  | 10:04 pm | -        |

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| FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF DECEMBER 19, 2017   |           |         |                          |                        |           |           |                          |
|---|-----------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| DEPARTURES  |           |         |                          | ARRIVALS               |           |           |                          |
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)   |           |         |                          | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN      |           |           |                          |
| UA6394  | 4:15am    | 5:05am  | Daily                    | UA6393                 | 2:45am    | 3:35am    | Daily                    |
| UA6392  | 8:40am    | 9:30am  | Daily                    | UA6395                 | 7:15am    | 8:05am    | Daily                    |
| UA6391  | 1:30pm    | 3:10pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota      | UA6391                 | 12:10pm   | 1:00pm    | 1, 4, 5, 7               |
| UA6390  | 2:20pm    | 3:10pm  | 2, 3, 6                  | UA6390                 | 12:10pm   | 1:50pm    | 2, 3, 6 via Rota         |
| UA6398  | 6:05pm    | 6:55pm  | Daily                    | UA6397                 | 4:45pm    | 5:35pm    | Daily                    |
| UA6396  | 9:50pm    | 10:40pm | Daily                    | UA6399                 | 8:30pm    | 9:20pm    | Daily                    |
| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)   |           |         |                          | GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)  |           |           |                          |
| UA6391  | 1:30pm    | 2:05pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7               | UA6390                 | 12:10pm   | 12:45pm   | 2, 3, 6                  |
| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)   |           |         |                          | ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN      |           |           |                          |
| UA6391  | 2:35pm    | 3:10pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7               | UA6390                 | 1:15pm    | 1:50pm    | 2, 3, 6                  |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)   |           |         |                          | NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN    |           |           |                          |
| DL297   | 4:20pm    | 7:15pm  | Daily                    | DL298                  | 10:30am   | 3:05pm    | Daily                    |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)  |           |         |                          | BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN     |           |           |                          |
| 7C3451  | 3:10am    | 6:10am  | 1, 7                     | 7C3452                 | 9:00pm    | 2:10am+1  | 4                        |
| 7C3451  | 4:00am    | 7:05am  | 4, 5                     | 7C3452                 | 9:05pm    | 2:10am+1  | 3, 6, 7                  |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)  |           |         |                          | SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN     |           |           |                          |
| TW308   | 2:00am    | 6:05am  | Daily                    | 7C3402                 | 9:30am    | 3:00pm    | Daily                    |
| OZ626   | 2:10am    | 6:00am  | 1                        | OZ625                  | 7:40pm    | 1:00am+1  | 7                        |
| OZ626   | 2:50am    | 6:40am  | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7         | TW307                  | 7:45pm    | 1:00am+1  | Daily                    |
| LJ652   | 3:40am    | 7:30am  | 1, 4, 5, 7               | OZ625                  | 8:20pm    | 1:40am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6         |
| 7C3403  | 4:45am    | 8:30am  | Daily                    | LJ651                  | 9:10pm    | 2:40am+1  | 3, 4, 6, 7               |
| 7C3401  | 4:00pm    | 7:45pm  | Daily                    | 7C3404                 | 10:10pm   | 3:40am+1  | Daily                    |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)   |           |         |                          | SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN  |           |           |                          |
| 3U8648  | 5:40am    | 8:40am  | 1, 4, 5, 7               | 3U8647                 | 10:20pm   | 4:30am+1  | 3, 4, 6, 7               |
| SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)   |           |         |                          | HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN  |           |           |                          |
| JD396   | 7:30am    | 12:00pm | 1                        | JD395                  | 8:25am    | 3:30pm    | 4                        |
| JD396   | 4:50pm    | 10:00pm | 4                        | JD395                  | 9:55pm    | 5:00am+1  | 7                        |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)  |           |         |                          | GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN |           |           |                          |
| 3U8646  | 4:20am    | 7:30am  | 2, 6                     | 3U8645                 | 7:40pm    | 3:00am+1  | 1, 5                     |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)  |           |         |                          | BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN   |           |           |                          |
| MU764   | 1:30am    | 6:35am  | 3, 5, 7                  | MU763                  | 4:25pm    | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6                  |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)   |           |         |                          | MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN    |           |           |                          |
| OZ626/701   | 2:10am    | 10:55am | 1 via ICN                | UA182/6395             | 12:40am   | 8:05am    | 3, 6 via GUM             |
| OZ626/701   | 2:50am    | 10:55am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | UA190/6397             | 9:55am    | 5:35pm    | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM       |
| UA6394/191  | 4:15am    | 9:00am  | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM       | OZ702/625              | 12:25pm   | 1:00am+1  | 7 via ICN                |
| UA6394/PR111  | 4:15am    | 8:10am  | 7 via GUM                | OZ702/625              | 12:25pm   | 1:40am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA6394/PR111  | 4:15am    | 9:20am  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM | PR110/UA6395           | 10:05pm   | 8:05am+1  | Daily via GUM            |
| UA6398/183  | 6:05pm    | 9:40pm  | 2, 5 via GUM             | UA192/6395             | 10:30pm   | 8:05am+1  | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM         |
| UA6398/183  | 6:05pm    | 9:50pm  | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM    | UA184/6395             | 10:55pm   | 8:05am+1  | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM    |
| UA6398/193  | 6:05pm    | 11:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR         |                        |           |           |                          |
| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)  |           |         |                          | HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN |           |           |                          |
| HX077   | 1:50am    | 5:15am  | 1, 4                     | OZ722/625              | 1:15pm    | 1:00am+1  | 7 via ICN                |
| OZ626/721   | 2:10am    | 11:50am | 1 via ICN                | OZ722/625              | 1:15pm    | 1:40am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/721   | 2:50am    | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | HX076                  | 5:15pm    | 12:15am+1 | 3, 7                     |
| U043  | 5:45am    | 8:40am  | 1, 3, 5, 7               | U042                   | 6:50pm    | 1:45am+1  | 7                        |
| UA6398/159  | 6:05pm    | 11:00pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM       | U042                   | 9:30pm    | 4:25am+1  | 2, 4, 6                  |
|   |           |         |                          | UA116/6395             | 11:55pm   | 8:05am+1  | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM       |
| LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.) |           |         |                          |                        |           |           |                          |
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| 1301  | 7:30AM    | 8:00AM  | Daily                    | 1206                   | 12:00PM   | 12:15PM   | Daily                    |
| 1302  | 11:30AM   | 12:00PM | Daily                    | 1207                   | 1:00PM    | 1:15PM    | Daily                    |
| 1303  | 4:00PM    | 4:30PM  | Daily                    | 1208                   | 2:00PM    | 2:15PM    | Daily                    |
| ROTA TO SAIPAN  |           |         |                          | 1209                   | 3:00PM    | 3:15PM    | Daily                    |
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# 10 rituals for Lunar New Year

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**T**he Lunar New Year is the most significant holiday on the Chinese calendar. Apart from being a time to feast and reunite with family, the festivities are accompanied by a large array of customs and rituals. Here's a quick introduction to some of the most significant Chinese New Year traditions.

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### Family Reunion Dinner

Typically, families will gather for a sumptuous reunion dinner on New Year's Eve. A big homemade meal with multiple dishes, including steamed fish is prepared. The tradition of eating fish during the New Year stems from the fact that the Chinese word for "surplus" or "profit" sounds similar to the word for fish. Thus, it is believed that eating fish will bring wealth in the new year.



### Red Envelopes

Red envelopes are cash gifts that are given by senior family members to their junior relations, and can range from a few dollars to quite hefty amounts. Usually, they are given from adults to children, and from married couples to their younger, unmarried family members. It is also customary for bosses to present them to employees.



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## Lion and Dragon Dances

This colorful traditional dance, which is said to bring good luck, is performed outdoors to the accompaniment of drums and cymbals, sometimes as a street parade. Dragon dances are performed by a troupe of acrobatic dancers, whereas lion dances are performed by just two dancers.



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|                              |         |   |         |
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| 1. TSL PLAZA                 | 8:15AM  | 25. CTSI AND D&Q                        | 15:00PM |
| 2. TAKE CARE                 | 8:20AM  | 26. LET'S GO                            |         |
| 3. CENTURY HOTEL             | 8:30AM  | 27. AQUA RESORT                         | 15:45PM |
| 4. JP CENTER                 | 8:45AM  | 28. DOLLAR DAYS                         | 16:00PM |
| 5. TRANSAMERICA              | 9:00AM  | 29. MICRO BEACH HOTEL                   |         |
| 6. SAIPAN COMPUTER SERVICES  | 9:20AM  | 30. FIESTA RESORT                       | 17:00PM |
| 7. SAIPAN APPAREL            | 9:30AM  | 31. SEATOUCH                            |         |
| 8. POI                       | 10:00AM | 32. ISHOP                               |         |
| 9. SHOOTING RANGE            | 10:15AM | 33. SAIPAN ADVENTURE                    |         |
| 10. SHIRLEY'S COFFEE SHOP    | 10:30AM | 34. CENTURY TOURS                       |         |
| 11. IT&E                     | 10:40AM | 35. I LOVE SAIPAN (PDM)                 | 17:50PM |
| 12. HYATT HOTEL              | 11:00AM | 36. TASTY BURGER (PDM)                  |         |
| 13. NIC HEALTH               | 11:30AM | 37. NIKE (PDM)                          |         |
| 14. 9922                     | 11:45AM | 38. CALVIN KLEIN (PDM)                  |         |
| 15. CANTON RESTAURANT        | 12:00PM | 39. JERRY TAN                           | 18:10PM |
| 16. MAJESTY RESTAURANT       | 12:20PM | 40. HYATT HOTEL                         | 18:30PM |
| 17. PACIFIC GIFT SHOP        | 12:40PM | 41. I LOVE SAIPAN                       | 19:00PM |
| 18. AMERICA MET (CAR RENTAL) | 12:50PM | 42. ARC LUXURY BOUTIQUE                 | 19:20PM |
| 19. PACIFIC GIFT SHOP        | 13:00PM | 43. MVA LUNAR YEAR EVENT (FISHING BASE) | 19:30PM |
| 20. KANOA RESORT             | 14:00PM | 44. DUTY FREE                           | 20:00PM |
| 21. CENTURY TOURS            |         | 45. LOUIS VUITTON                       |         |
| 22. ISHOP (KANOA)            |         | 46. BEST SUNSHINE                       | 20:50PM |
| 23. CLUB C                   |         |   |         |
| 24. DUTY FREE (KANOA)        | 14:30PM |   |         |



## Firecrackers and Fireworks

New Year festivities just wouldn't be the same without pyrotechnics. New Year's firecrackers are made from strings of rolled red paper containing gunpowder that, when set off, leave shreds of scarlet paper their wake. Traditionally, it is believed that the loud noise of the firecrackers serves to scare away evil spirits, although nowadays firecrackers are banned in many cities for safety reasons.

In addition, most major cities, including Hong Kong and Shanghai, will put up an impressive display of fireworks around midnight to welcome in the new year.



## Decorating

You can always tell when Chinese New Year is around the corner because of the festive scarlet decor adorning every street, storefront and home. The color red is ubiquitous, because it is associated with wealth and good fortune in Chinese culture. Red lanterns are hung on the streets, while windows and doors are decorated with posters and papers bearing auspicious characters or phrases. Chinese knots, potted kumquats and golden orange trees are also common.







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# Eating Niangao, Mandarin Oranges and Dumplings

In northern China, dumplings are a popular food during Chinese New Year. In the south, it's more common to see *niangao*, a chewy pellet made from glutinous rice. Mandarin oranges, which are considered a symbol of good fortune, are also commonly eaten, displayed and gifted.



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## House Cleaning

Customarily, families give their homes a thorough cleaning in the days leading up to New Day's Day. Windows are scrubbed, floors are swept and furniture is dusted in preparation for the new year, sweeping away the bad luck of the past year. In addition, dusting is avoided on New Year's Day, for fear that good fortune will be swept away.





## Praying at the Temple

The Lunar New Year season is a busy time for Chinese temples. Worshippers typically visit the temple on the third day of the New Year to light incense and pray to the deities for blessings and good luck in the year ahead. Many major temples will also put on festive dragon and lion dances in the courtyard.

## New Year's Markets

As the New Year approaches, open-air markets selling decorations, red envelopes, toys, clothes and trinkets are a frenzy of activity. In Hong Kong and Macau, where it is a tradition to give flowers for Chinese New Year, street markets are also teeming with flowers and potted plants. Flowers such as orchids, peonies and narcissus are popular because they are considered especially auspicious.




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## Shopping

**L**ast but not least, Chinese New Year sees a surge in retail every year thanks to holiday sales. The closer to New Year's Day, the deeper the discounts get, including discounts on Spring season items that have just hit the racks.

## Which Chinese zodiac animal am I?

The Chinese animal zodiac or shengxiao, which means "born resembling," are arranged in a repeating cycle of 12 years.

The animal changes at the beginning of the Chinese New Year, and traditionally these animals were used to date the years.

However, Chinese New Year is a movable celebration, dictated by the lunar cycle, which can fall anytime between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20.

This year, for example, it will be celebrated today, Feb. 16.

Your Chinese Zodiac sign is derived from your birth year, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. See the years of each animal below to determine your own sign.

- **Rat:** 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960
- **Ox:** 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961
- **Tiger:** 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962
- **Rabbit:** 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963
- **Dragon:** 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964
- **Snake:** 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965
- **Horse:** 2014, 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966
- **Goat:** 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967
- **Monkey:** 2016, 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968
- **Rooster:** 2017, 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969
- **Dog:** 2018, 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970
- **Pig:** 2019, 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971

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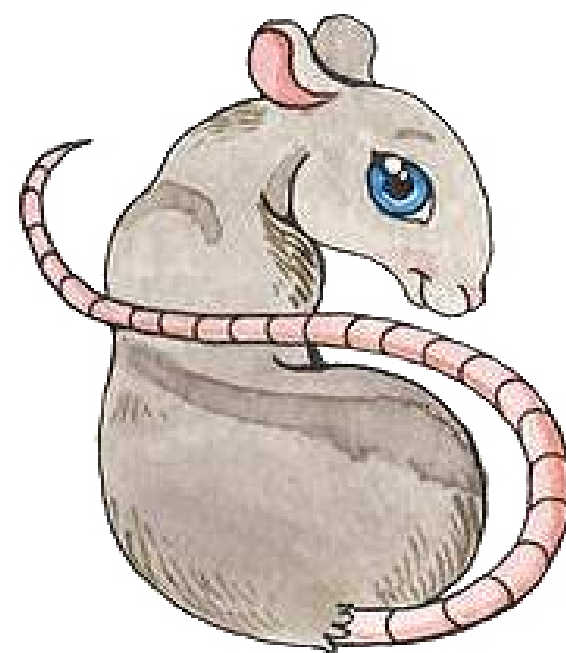
**The Years of the Rat include 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020, 2032.**

With strong intuition and quick response, Rats always easily adapt themselves to a new environment. With rich imaginations and sharp

command skills, Rats are not capable as leaders. Opportunistic and picky as Rats are, they do not have broad minds, but a narrow view. Rats are kind, but sometimes impolite to others. People of the Rat sign usually sleep late, for mice are nocturnal animals.

### Good Health for Rats

Generally speaking, Rats are healthy. They are full of energy and active, which helps them keep fit and



observation, Rats can take advantage of various opportunities well. Rats have strong curiosity, so they tend to try their hands at anything, and they can deal with it skillfully.

Ladies belonging to the Rat sign are pretty, smart, and lovely. They have quick minds and dexterous hands, and are able to learn anything. A lack of courage, as well as good

avoid illness.

A balanced diet and regular exercise benefit Rats. With enough rest Rats can keep high spirits at work, which can improve work efficiency. When in stressful and tense conditions, Rats are suggested to take a tour to free stress and tension.

In dry seasons, Rats  
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should pay attention to prevention of respiratory and skin problems.

**Best-Suited Careers for Rats**

The best careers for Rats are: administrator, director, manager, entrepreneur, broadcaster, writer, musician, stand-up comedian, politician, lawyer, researcher, and racing car driver.

**How to Build Relationships with Rats**

With an active nature, Rats enjoy a flexible social circle. They are interested in attending different kinds of social occasions. They like to make new friends, but they seldom further their relationships with others. Rats have a charming appearance, which can attract more friends.

In love relationships, Rats find it easy to start a new relationship with someone, but they also break off relationships easily, which results in trouble with infidelity.

**PROSPECTS FOR 2018****Finances**

Rats can look forward to being lucky with unexpected finances or getting rewards from unpopular industries. You will be under more pressure but will also earn more. You need to persevere and be open-minded to grasp the situation. Don't be too passive or you will lose opportunities.

**Career**

Rats are appreciated by their bosses and your boss tends to give you more opportunities. You may have a chance to get a promotion or have more rights. But, at the same time, you will be under more pressure.

Rats are promoted or given improved working conditions in 2018. Bosses are also acknowledged for their work. So you need to be careful not to make any bad comments or do anything that causes embarrassment; this ensures you are appreciated by your boss.

There will be a chance for Rats to cooperate with officials easily, especially concerning projects that involve soil and stone. Projects related to land production, mineral resources, and thermal power will see good developments.

**Love**

Women will be lucky in love in 2018. You will have the chance to meet a nice man. He might be rich but won't show it, and sometimes he might be stubborn.

For men, you won't have as many chances as female Rats but there will still be some chances of love for you in 2018. The situation could be that your partner doesn't know how you feel. You will need to use your initiative to make progress in your relationship.

**Health**

Rats won't have very good health in 2018.

Work is more pressurized and that creates some health problems, including becoming exhausted easily. You'll have an uncomfortable stomach and will cut yourself easily on sharp objects.

Rats are recommended not to take part in hiking, climbing, or other adventurous activities as they can cause injuries. You are suggested to go for health checks regularly or have a walk by a lakeside or in parks to adjust your attitude and mind.

**OX**

**The Years of the Ox include 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, and 2021.**

Oxes are known for diligence, dependability, strength and determination. Having an honest nature, Oxes have a strong patriotism for their country, have ideals and ambitions for life, and attach importance to family and work. These things reflect the traditional characteristics of conservatives. Women belonging to the Ox zodiac sign are traditional, faithful wives, who attach great importance to their children's education.

Having a desire to advance and great patience, Oxes can achieve their goals by consistent efforts. They are not

strong faith and physical strength. So people of the Ox zodiac sign enjoy great success as a result.

The most disadvantageous trait in Oxes is poor communication skills. They are not good at communicating with others, and even think it not worthwhile exchanging ideas with others. They are stubborn and stick to their own ways.

**Good Health for Oxes**

Oxes are strong and robust; they can enjoy a fairly healthy and long life, fulfilled lives, and little illness.

Because of hard work with a stubborn personality, they often spend too much time in their work, rarely allowing themselves enough time to relax, and tend to forget meals, which make them have intestinal problems. So enough rest and a regular diet are needed for Oxes to work efficiently.

With a stubborn temperament, they find it easy to bear stress and tension, and they are reluctant to reveal themselves to others. Proper relaxation and regular short trips will benefit the Ox.

**The Best Careers for Oxes**

With a keen eye for details and an admirable work ethic, they are competent in such careers as agriculture, manufacturing, pharmacy, mechanics, engineering, draftsmanship, artistry, politics, real estate, interior design, painting, carpentry, or quarry work.

**How to Build Relationships with "Ox People"?**

Ox people are not good at communicating with others, so they have less social intercourse. They prefer to stay alone and enjoy solitude instead of participating in group activities. They treat friends sincerely and count



influenced by others or the environment, but persist to do things in accordance with their ideas and capabilities. Before taking action, they will have a definite plan with detailed steps and add their

much on friendship.

For love relationships, Oxen tend to keep a long term relationship with their lovers. Frequent changes of lover make them uncomfortable. Ladies of the Ox zodiac

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sign lack femininity. If they can realize their inadequacies, and change their cautious attitude of indifference to affection and enthusiasm, they will have love relationships to their hearts' desire.

**PROSPECTS FOR 2018****Finances**

Oxes won't have very good financial prospects in 2018. You are at risk of losing money due to relatives and friends, not being competitive in your career, or having conflicts or fights.

You get easily involved in your relatives' or friends' problems, which costs you a lot of money. The worse thing is that they then turn against you after the problems have been dealt with. You are also not very lucky in real estate projects or projects to do with mineral resources.

As for students, you need to pay a large sum of money in school. This debt might be a result of causing or getting involved in trouble.

**Career**

There will be many competitors for Oxes in 2018, and Oxes are likely to be defeated

in competitions. Sometimes your benefits will also be affected by competitors, which will cause your career to decline or result in a cut of welfare benefits.

Your relationship with colleagues will also be difficult. You might carelessly offend the one who may help you in your career.

As for students, your grades may suffer, and you are likely to make trouble at school, such as fighting and having arguments.

**Love**

Oxes are faced with a lot of competition in love.

It's a bad year for a male Ox to find a good relationship. You will encounter competitors and are likely to lose out. You need to be aware that there will be conflicts when you try to build a relationship, and you risk being injured or losing out financially.

As for women, you won't have much luck when it comes to love either. There will be many conflicts or affairs, and it will be hard for you to attract others. You will get upset easily for no reason.

**Health**

Oxes don't have very good health prospects for 2018.

There could be hidden problems in your respiratory system or kidneys, or you may

sustain injuries from fighting with others. You need to pay attention to the health of your heart and stomach.

You are not recommended to climb mountains or do any adventurous underground activities. Don't fight with others, otherwise there may be bloody injuries.

You also need to be careful of getting involved in relatives' or friends' problems as this could affect your health. Do regular health checks and have a walk by a lakeside and in parks to adjust your mind and attitude.

**TIGER**

**The Years of the Tiger include 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, and 2022.**

People born in the year of the Tiger are brave, competitive, unpredictable, and self-confident. They are very charming and well-liked by others. But sometimes they are likely to be impetuous, irritable, and overindulged.

**With stubborn personalities** and tough judgment, tigers work actively and boldly express themselves, and do things with a high-handed manner. They are authoritative and never go back on what they have said.

**With great confidence** and indomitable fortitude, they can be competent leaders. They will not make preparations for anything, but they can handle anything that comes along.

**Good Health for Tigers**

Tigers enjoy good health. They are active so they like to do various sports. Small illnesses, such as colds, coughs, and fever, are rarely experienced by Tigers.

However, they should avoid excessive strenuous exercise, because some dangerous activities may lead to physical harm. When involved in outdoor exercise, they should pay particular attention to warm-up exercise. Aerobic exercises, such as jogging, are suitable for keeping fit.

Tigers are energetic and have great enthusiasm at work. When they feel exhausted after extended work, they need some relaxation to refresh themselves.

**The Best Jobs or Career for Tigers**

Tigers are suitable to any career as leaders. They are

suited to careers such as advertising agent, office manager, travel

quainted with a lot of people, they do not further the relationships to deep friendship.

Understanding, patience, and tact are needed when dealing with Tigers.

In love relationships, Tigers cannot give sweet love to their partners because they lack a sense of romance. Partners need to be equally active to keep up with the Tiger's sense of adventure.

**PROSPECTS FOR 2018****Finances**

Tigers have good luck when it comes to finances in 2018 and also have some chances to get unexpected financial gains. You will reap rewards from the lottery or dealings in the stock market.

What's more, there will be many opportunities for potential partnerships waiting for you, which will help you financially.

For men, your lover might bring some partnership opportunities your way, or you might be successful because of her help.

**Career**

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gers to get career promotions in 2018.

However, there will be good opportunities for you in real estate, thermal power projects, or in the culture industry, so you will do well if one of them is your career field.

For employees, 2018 is a good year for you to build your career base. You will get a lot of support from officials or management.

**Love**

Male Tigers have relatively good prospects in love. The women you meet are all nice, but sometimes they may be stubborn.

Female Tigers work well with different people, and there is a chance for you to develop a relationship with one of the people you are involved with. He may not understand that your feeling goes beyond friendship, so you may need to take the initiative and show your feelings.

**Health**

Tigers don't have the best luck with their health in 2018. You may be weak or suffer from inflammations. You might not have time to go to a hospital when you feel ill.

You need to be careful if you are planning to climb mountains or take part in adventurous underground activities. You will have a good career in 2018, but it will cause you a lot of fatigue. You are suggested to eat nourishing food, such as fish, meat, or seafood. You are also suggested to take some time to go for a walk at a lakeside or in parks to adjust your attitude and mind.

**RABBIT**

**The Years of the Rabbit include 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023.**

Rabbits tend to be gentle, quiet, elegant, and alert; quick, skillful, kind, and patient; and particularly responsible. However, they might be superficial, stubborn, melancholy, and overly-discreet. Generally speaking, people who belong to the Rabbit zodiac sign have likable characters.

**Gentlemen** who belong to the rabbit zodiac sign always treat people politely, with a gentle smile that makes people feel that they are credible and sincere. When meeting trouble, Rabbits can handle it in an orderly way; when encountering tough difficulties they are

never discouraged, but are persistent to seek solutions. So they eventually achieve enviable success.

**Ladies** belonging to the rabbit zodiac sign, apart from a pretty and demure appearance, have a pure heart.

Rabbits are faithful to those around them, but reluctant to reveal their minds to others, and have a tendency to escape reality. They are too cautious and conservative, which means they miss good opportunities.

**Good Health for Rabbits**

Overall Rabbits have average health. In winter to late spring, when in relatively poor health, they should do more sports to prevent colds and other infectious diseases, and have a healthy daily diet. Rabbits are advised to do some indoor exercise to cope with stress and tension.

In dry seasons, they should drink more water, and moisturize to prevent skin problems.

**The Top Careers for Rabbits**

Intellectual, scholarly and learned, Rabbits can enjoy a good career as well as wealth. With a pair of dexterous hands, Rabbits have a gift for calligraphy and painting, as well as tailoring and cooking. Owning a patient temperament, they are able to manage everything to people's wishes. The best careers for Rabbits are cultivation, breeding, education, religion, health care, medicine, culture, police/judiciary work, and politics.

**How to Build Relationships with Rabbit**

Basically, you don't have to try hard, but help them with their weaknesses.

**Strengths:** Rabbits have good social relationships. They are popular with others, as they are gentle and considerate. With a good sense of humor, they can make a dispute into a good discussion, and make enemies into friends. Possessing a gentle temperament, they are hospitable, considerate, and ready to help others.

**Weaknesses:** With an excess of universal love and charity, they may have conflicts of interest. With a lack of resolution, they have trouble with being emotionally swayed.

**PROSPECTS IN 2018****Finances**

In 2018, Rabbits will have good luck with money.

If you are a Rabbit, your salary or benefits will be im-



proved, and you might have chance to receive rewards from real estate.

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**Career Prospects**

Rabbits won't have good luck when it comes to getting promoted in 2018.

Rabbits, because of your limited communication with your leaders, you might feel depressed. In private, there might be conflicts between you and your deputy leader, or you may be discouraged by him/her. You will be very stressed, even when you are doing well at your work.

However, you will have a good chance to develop your

career in the areas of real estate and cultural work. It might be hard for you to get a promotion, but you will do well there.

For entrepreneurs, you will have a good chance to get a big breakthrough, and get more cooperation with good projects.

**Love**

Rabbits will generally have stable relationships in 2018.

Male Rabbits will have good luck in love in 2018. You are likely to meet a suitable partner. But she will be tough to get along with, and sometimes not at all friendly. She may seem like a mystery, and

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a little edgy.

For female Rabbits, you will also have many chances to meet nice boys, but you will sometimes feel stressed. Your favorite mate will not understand your feelings, and sometimes he will be too self-absorbed to realize your love. You need to be proactive to bridge the gap. You are suggested to express your feelings towards him, or there won't be any progress.

### Health

Rabbits don't have very good health prospects in 2018.

Rabbits, you might easily fall prey to an acute disease, or feel discomfort around your liver and gall bladder. You might also be hurt by sharp metal instruments.

These problems may not have serious effects, but they will bother you a lot.

You are suggested to do a health examination regularly, and take time to adjust your mind by walking along a lakeside.

## DRAGON

If you were born in 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, or 2012, then you're a Dragon.

Among Chinese zodiac animals, the Dragon is the sole imaginary animal. The

confident. They are not afraid of challenges, and willing to take risks.

However, the dragon is sometimes regarded as aggressive, and angry dragons are not open to criticism. They don't consider themselves irritating and arrogant. Instead of following tradition, they strive for a smooth future.

### Health Tips for Dragons

Taking the hardworking nature of Dragons into consideration, they are healthy in general. They may be stressed and suffer from periodic tension, for they like to embrace challenges and take risks.

Older people born in a Dragon year should pay more attention to the liver and gall bladder, blood, intestines, and stomach, while middle-aged and young Dragons should take care of their skin.

Yoga or taking a walk is an effective way to keep healthy, as these activities can be good for the mind as well as the bodies of Dragons.

### Top Jobs or Careers for Dragons

Dragons like to embrace challenges and take risks. Jobs that allow them to test themselves are good choices. Some good careers include: journalist, teacher, inventor, manager, computer analyst, lawyer, engineer, architect, broker, and sales person.

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## PROSPECTS IN 2018

### Finances

It's not a good year for Dragons in 2018 regarding finances.

Dragons, you will have to do a lot of legwork for your investments to get ahead.

Dragons, it's likely that you will be subject to losses in school or in further study. You also risk losing out financially when it comes to breaking rules, such as traffic rules, and if you put yourself in dangerous situations.

### Career Prospects

In 2018, Dragons won't have much luck in their careers. They will need to be busy running around and will have to do many things by themselves, which will be tough.

What's more, Dragons, you will need to work hard or spend a lot of time studying. You may need to study further to get new qualifications. You are also likely to conflict with your boss.

In summary, Dragons, you have little chance to get promoted, and you need to be careful of losing benefits due to impulsive behavior. It's recommended that you calm down and visit places like parks or forests to adjust your attitude and mind.

### Love

In 2018, Dragon lovers will be in conflict with their partners because of their impulsiveness.

The worst situation Dragons may meet is a break up and ending of a relationship. Even though, Dragons, you may not end up in this position, male Dragons will easily get into financial strife, and female Dragons will encounter numerous relational problems.

For married Dragons, you need to pay attention to your spouse's safety. Don't be too hot-headed in trying to avoid trouble.

You are suggested to take a relaxing walk around a park or lakeside to adjust your attitude and mind.

### Health

Dragons don't have a very good health forecast for 2018.

If you're a Dragon, your liver or gall bladder is prone to trouble. It might even be caused by a traffic accident or another type of injury. You will often be upset and put under a lot of pressure. You may also experience problems with your stomach in 2018.

You are recommended to have your health checked regularly. Don't take any risks, such as climbing a mountain or exploring underground. Instead, go for a walk in a park or by a lakeside to adjust your mind and attitude.

## SNAKE

In Chinese culture, the Snake is the most enigmatic animal among the twelve zodiac animals. People born in a year of the Snake are supposed to be the most intuitive.

Snakes tend to act according to their own judgments, even while remaining the most private and reticent. They are determined to accomplish their goals and hate to fail.

Snakes represent the symbol of wisdom. They are intelligent and wise. They are good at communication but say little. Snakes are usually regarded as great thinkers.

Snakes are materialistic and love keeping up with the Joneses. They love to possess the best of everything, but they have no patience for shopping.

Snake people prefer to work alone, therefore they are easily stressed. If they seem unusually stressed, it is best to allow them their own space and time to return to normal.

### Good Health for Snakes

Snakes prefer living a peaceful life, and they do not like a noisy environment. Snakes become easily stressed when their lives aren't calm or in order. Therefore, a manageable workload would be good for them rather than a challenging schedule.

Snakes need to spend lots of time to relax themselves. It's necessary to take vacations at the proper time. People should pay attention to the health of Snake people, especially senior members in the family.

### The Best Careers for Snakes

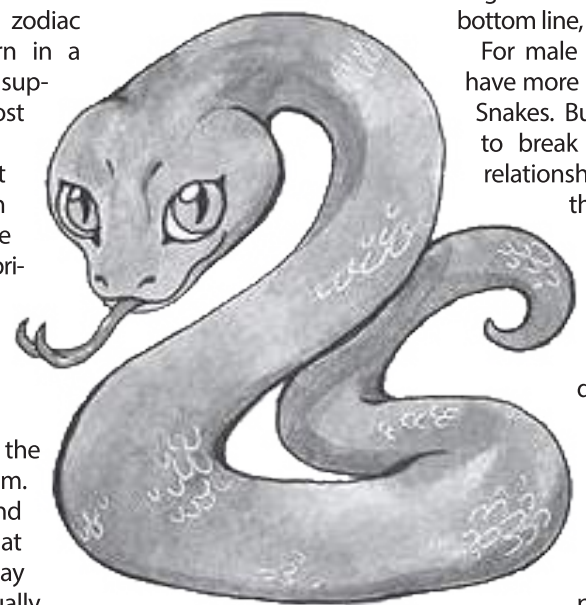
Snakes are very creative and extremely diligent. Though Snakes work very hard, they have a tendency to be job-hoppers, as they easily become bored. Snakes are great thinkers. Complex problems stimulate them. And of course they're excellent problem-solvers and thrive under tight deadlines.

Good career choices for Snakes include: scientist, analyst, investigator, painter, potter, jeweler, astrologer, magician, dietician, and sociologist.

### How to Build Relationships with Snake People

People born in the year of the Snake do not have a lot of friends. It is extremely hard to get to know them because they keep their feelings locked up inside. Snakes are

careful in choosing friends. They will never forgive a breach in friendship.



Once people are his/her friends, the Snake is willing to share his sorrow and happiness with them. Snake people guard their chosen friends much like valuable possessions, and they are easily jealous and even obsessive.

## PROSPECTS FOR 2018

### Finances

Snakes are destined to have good luck in their finances in 2018.

If you are a Snake, you will enjoy a stable source of financial revenue. Or you will get good financial returns because of your persistence and sentience, if you have a fixed goal and strategy.

Snakes will find suitable opportunities for investment in mineral developments, and receive good repayment in partnership with your brothers. However, you should know that it will not be easy for you to win your rewards — you will need to work harder to gain more.

### Career Prospects

Snakes won't easily get a career promotion in 2018.

But, Snakes, it's a good year for you to put in a good performance in your studies or academic research. Your work will also be relatively easy and flexible.

Though it's not a good year to get a promotion, it will be an easier year for you — a chance to improve your skills and achieve more. It's a year for you to build a stable base for a future promotion.

You are suggested to settle your mind for study by spending some time walking in parks with forested areas.

### Love

Snakes are not lacking in the love department in 2018.

Snakes, you are likely to meet a nice person who will say yes to you despite your faults. And that will make you

want to build a family. You will feel relaxed in your love relationship. But sometimes you might reach your partner's bottom line, and vice versa.

For male Snakes, you will have more luck than female Snakes. But you will need to break the ice first in relationships. If you find there is no progress, it could be that you are not proactive enough, and your loved one doesn't understand your feelings.

For female Snakes, you also have good prospects in love in 2018, but not as good as male Snakes do.

### Health

There are no serious health problems predicted in 2018 for Snakes.

Snakes, it will be difficult for you to suffer from sudden injuries. So you will have a easy year physically in 2018.

To obtain a healthier body, you are suggested to visit holiday villages or resorts to strengthen your body. Or you could go to a fitness center.

However, Snakes, you mustn't be too indulgent or careless in 2018, or you might get a disease and have to go to hospital.

## HORSE

The Years of the Horse are 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026.

People born in a year of the Horse are extremely animated, active and energetic. Horses love to be in a crowd, and they can usually be seen on such occasions as concerts, theater performances, meetings, sporting events, and parties.

With a deft sense of humor, Horses are masters of repartee. They love to take center stage and delight audiences everywhere.

Sometimes, the Horse is a little self-centered, but it doesn't mean that s/he can not be interested in others' problems. Horses are really more cunning than intelligent, and that is probably why most Horse people lack real confidence.

### Good Health for Horses

Horses are very healthy, most likely because they hold a positive attitude towards life. However, heavy responsibility or pressure from their job

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Dragon is the most vital and powerful beast in the Chinese zodiac, although with an infamous reputation for being a hothead and possessing a sharp tongue. In ancient times, people thought that Dragons could control everything in the world with their character traits of dominance and ambition.

Gifted with innate courage, tenacity and intelligence, dragons are enthusiastic and

### Relationships with Dragons

In the search for the ideal partner, dragons might find themselves often hesitating to move forward in a relationship and/or unwilling to make a permanent commitment. When they do, however, it is their intention for it to last. Dragons are likely to have a warm, giving personality. They can be very generous to their loved ones.



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may make them weak. Therefore Horses shouldn't do overtime too often, and then come home very late. Also Horses should refuse some invitations to parties at night.

**What Are the Best Careers for Horses**

Jobs involving communicating with others attract Horses most. The Horse sign stands for leadership, management, and decision-making. Horses dislike taking orders. Good career choices for Horses

include: publicist, sales representative, journalist, language instructor, translator, bartender, performer, tour operator, librarian or pilot.

**How to Build Relationships with "Horse People"**

People born in a year of the Horse have a pleasant, amiable, easy-going disposition.

witted and are right in there with you before you have had the chance to finish what you were saying; they are on to the thought in your mind even before you've expressed it. All these guarantee their popularity and a large following of friends.

**PROSPECTS FOR 2018****Finances**

Horses have good financial forecast for 2018.

If you are a Horse, you will find it easy to get rich using your own horse sense — intelligence and wisdom, so use your natural skills and strategies.

However, your horoscope shows that you might desire to achieve a goal regardless of legal or moral constraints. So keep in mind that you mustn't be too aggressive or utilitarian, otherwise you will be in trouble with the law, or you won't be accepted by people around you, even if you make a fortune.

Horses will have good returns on real estate, technical projects, and cultural trade. But these will require you to expend much energy, and you are likely to get upset.

**Career Prospects**

Horses are not likely to get a promotion in 2018.

Horses, you might have conflict with your leaders, and that will result in a poor relationship between you this year.

However, you will do well in studying and research. You should work hard on technology projects. This will also reduce the direct conflict between you and your leaders.

What's more, it's a good year for Horses to engage in thermal power projects, real estate projects, and cultural endeavors. You have a higher rate of success in these areas in 2018. It will help pave the way to a bright future.

For entrepreneurs, it's a good year for you to make great breakthroughs and developments in 2018.

**Love**

2018 is not a good year for female Horses.

It will be easy to scare away your favorite mate, and even have fallouts and affairs. So you are suggested to be modest, talk less, and think more, which can avoid breaking the harmonious aura. You can also let your friends and people around you to help you to make a good impression with your loved one.

For male Horses, it's not a bad year for you, and you will be popular in 2018. It will be easy for you to settle down in a relationship with your

loved one. But don't be fickle in love, or you will be in trouble due to gossips.

**Health**

Horses do not have good prospects regarding health in 2018.

Horses, you should be careful of going against the law or having conflicts with people, otherwise it will be easy to be involved in bloody incidents. Your stomach might not feel well, and your respiratory system will also easily have problems.

Horses are not suggested to go on self-driving tours in 2018, neither should they go climbing or do other adven-

are suggested to do health examinations regularly, and take the time to adjust your mind by relaxing in a forest or by a lakeside.

**GOAT**

People born in a year of the Goat are generally believed to be **gentle** mild-mannered, shy, stable, sympathetic, amicable, and brimming with a strong sense of kindheartedness and justice.

They have very **delicate thoughts**, strong creativity, and perseverance, and acquire professional skills well. Although they look gentle on the surface, they are tough on the inside, always insist-



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their minds. They have strong inner resilience and excellent defensive instincts.

Though they **prefer to be in groups**, they do not want to be the center of attention. They are reserved and quiet, most likely because they like spending much time in their thoughts. Goats like to spend money on fashionable things that give them a first-class appearance. Although goats enjoy spending money on the finer things in life, they are not snobbish.

### Good Health for Goats

People born in a year of the Goat are very serene and calm. Therefore they tend to have fewer health problems.

### The Best Jobs or Career for Goats

People born in the year of the goat prefer to work in a team. Their best work partners are Horses. They are not crazy about status and power. Good career choices for goats are pediatrician, actor, daycare teacher, interior designer, florist, hair stylist, musician, editor, illustrator, and art history teacher.

### How to Build Relationships with "Goat People"

Generally speaking, Goats are private. Therefore it may take time and effort to get to know those who are born in a year of the Goat. Goats seldom share their personal lives. This is the reason why most Goats have few intimate friends. Once they become friends, their friendship is peaceful and fulfilling. They work hard for those they love.

### Finances

Goats do not have good prospects for their finances in 2018.

If you are a Goat, you stand to lose a lot in 2018.

In your career, you will lose in competitions, so that you suffer loss financially. Your benefits will be invaded and taken. You will also lose money because of brothers and friends. Or you will lose finances because of your stubbornness or being tempted. Sometimes, it will also be easy to lose your capital because of conflict with others.

You are suggested to adjust your aura at a lakeside, which will also help adjust your mind, and reduce bad affairs and fiscal loss.

### Career Prospects

Goats will have strong stress in their careers in 2018.

Snakes, your good performance will be supplanted, and your success will be seized. Your leaders are more likely to esteem your rivals

more than you. You will easily have conflicts with your colleagues too.

For entrepreneurs, you will meet many competitors, and it will be hard to achieve progress. You will not do well in real estate projects or the mineral industry, where you will bring yourself many bad situations and crises.

No matter whether you are self-employed or you are an employee, you are suggested to do meditation at places that have forests. Restrain yourself and adjust your attitude towards work. If you want to do project this year, you can consider a landscaping project.

### Love

Goats will meet many competitors in love in 2018.

For male Goats, it's not easy for you to find a favorite mate. Your favorite partner will be easily won over by your competitors. For those who are in a relationship, you also need to be careful of a bad ending.

For female Goats, it's also not a good year regarding love prospects in 2018. You are likely to hurt your favorite mate because of your pursuit of freedom, and there might be a conflict between you.

Goats are suggested to adjust themselves at a place that has a lake, river, or woods. That will help you bring more good luck to your love life.

### Health

Goats are not forecast good health in 2018.

Goats, your respiratory system will tend to have trouble. You will also sometimes feel discomfort in your liver and gall bladder, which might be caused by pressure between the two. Your stomach might not feel well either.

You are suggested to do a health examination regularly and adjust your aura at place with lakes and woods. Stay away from unreliable friends, away from feuds, and away from fights, so that you can protect yourself from stress.

## MONKEY

**Monkey years include: 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016.**

People born in a year of the Monkey have magnetic personalities and are witty and intelligent. Personality traits like mischievousness, curiosity, and cleverness, make them very naughty.

Monkeys are masters of practical jokes, because they like playing most of the time. Though they don't have bad intentions, their pranks sometimes hurt the feelings of others.

Monkeys are fast learn-

ers and crafty opportunists. They have many interests and need partners who are capable of stimulating them. While some like the eccentric nature of Monkeys, others don't trust their sly, restless, and inquisitive nature.

Although they are clever and creative, Monkeys can't always exhibit their talents properly. They like to accept challenges and prefer urban life to rural.

### How Monkeys Should Keep Healthy

Usually Monkeys are very healthy, partly due to their active lifestyles, and their drive to experience different flavors of life. If they do experience illness, it is usually of the nervous or circulatory system.

People born in a year of the Monkey often spend more time at work than average. To save energy, Monkeys need to remember to take breaks during their busy schedules.

Since Monkeys usually do more outdoor activities, they should pay special attention to safety; also while traveling or driving.

### The Best Jobs and Careers for Monkeys

Monkeys work very hard in their careers. They can adapt well to different working environments. Good career choices for monkeys are accounting and banking, science, engineering, stock market trading, air traffic control, film directing, jewelry, and salesmanship.



How to Build Relationships with Monkeys

Monkeys are not very quick to settle down into relationships, as they tend to be promiscuous and easily bored. Once Monkeys find the perfect partner, however, they commit to him/her in every possible way. Since Monkeys are sociable and love to talk, it's easy to relate to them.

## PROSPECTS FOR 2018

### Finances

If you are a Monkey, you will probably get a salary increase because of your qualifications or a promotion. What's more, you will also be likely to receive gifts from seniors.

For entrepreneurs, you should invest in real estate or mineral developments. Consider investing with family or friends, as this will bring you greater rewards. If you invest alone, you are likely to lose your opportunities by overlooking them or not being proactive.

### Career Prospects

Monkeys will achieve great success in studies, building reputation, promotions, and job applications in 2018.

But, Monkeys, you will need to be active and take the initiative to achieve this year, otherwise this prediction is just theoretical.

For those who want to do well in business, you will achieve more by working at real estate projects, and that will help you get a promotion.

For entrepreneurs, don't fight on your own. You are suggested to work with friends and family, and that will help you to make a great breakthrough.

### Love

For male Monkeys, you can expect help from seniors. They will pave the way for you. But it's likely that you will not win your loved one's

favor, because of not being proactive enough or putting on a bad performance.

For female Monkeys, your love prospects are better than males' of your sign. You will have more chances than male Monkeys do, but only with the help of seniors will you make a great breakthrough and achieve relational success. You also need to take initiative to make progress.

### Health

Monkey's health prospects are average in 2018.

Monkeys, you might have a poor appetite sometimes. Your children might feel upset, or not grow well this year. And pay some attention to your liver and gall bladder. But the overall health effects are not predicted to be serious, so it's an average year.

## ROOSTER

**Years of the Rooster include 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, and 2029.**

People born in a year of the Rooster are very observant. Hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented, Roosters are very confident in themselves.

Roosters are always ac-



tive, amusing, and popular within a crowd. Roosters are talkative, outspoken, frank, open, honest, and loyal individuals. They like to be the center of attention and always appear attractive and beautiful.

Roosters are happiest when they are surrounded by others, whether at a party or just a social gathering. They enjoy the spotlight and will exhibit their charm on any occasion.

Roosters expect others to listen to them while they speak, and can become agitated if they don't. Vain and boastful, Roosters like to brag about themselves and their accomplishments.

Their behavior of continually seeking the unwavering attention of others annoys people around them at times.

People born in a year of the Rooster are typically healthy people. They are active and enjoy sports, such as hiking and swimming. Roosters don't get sick very often because they tend to fight illness well. Even when they do become ill, they feel better quickly. Roosters are a little sensitive, and they feel stressed and moody at times.

## The Best Jobs and Careers for Roosters

Good career choices for Roosters are newsreader, sales person, restaurant owner, hairdresser, public relations officer, farmer, athlete, teacher, waiter, journalist, travel writer, dentist, surgeon, soldier, fireman, security guard, and police officer.

### How to Build Relationships with «Roosters»

Roosters are loyal and they make devoted friends. They always keep their promises and are always true to their word. Sensitive individuals may find it hard to get along well with Roosters, because they always brag about themselves and their accomplishments, which may make others uncom-

fortable.

## PROSPECTS FOR 2018

### Finances

Roosters' financial prospects in 2018 are average. Your investments will improve overall, but there is no big fortune to be made.

If you are a Rooster, you will be rewarded if you invest in real estate with the help of seniors. You will also probably receive better treatment because of your qualification certificates or good reputation.

What's more, there are also good omens for you to make money on the mineral industry. However, you might encounter some stress and be misled.

2018 is good for entrepreneurs. You will get quite good returns, but your stress levels will also be increasing. You should pay attention to abiding by local laws.

### Career Prospects

Roosters have good career prospects in 2018.

Roosters, you will have great chances for a promotion. And you will achieve great progress in research publications, building your

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reputation, studies, and job applications. You will be helped by seniors or leaders.

What's more, for those who are in business, it's a good year for you to engage in thermal power projects, the mineral industry, and real estate projects.

If you work with seniors, you will make greater progress. But you will need to face some stress, and you might be obstructed by a vice leader.

### Love

Roosters are not lucky in love in 2018.

Female Roosters, you will fare better than male Roosters. But you will easily be misled in building a relationship. Or you will feel upset at the beginning, and you will have to spend more effort in order to make the relationship work.

For male Roosters, your seniors will offer you some help. But you and your loved one will be at odds. You will be under pressure when communicating, and the relationship will be unstable.

### Health

Roosters are not lucky with their health in 2018.

Roosters, your respiratory system might easily be infected, and your stomach will not feel well. It will be easy for you to catch a cold. You should also be careful of food poisoning.

Roosters need to be especially careful of mushroom poisoning, or other food materials that come from the soil. Sometimes poison will not be the problem, just bacteria that cause stomach upsets.

Don't stay up late, and take time to relax at places with woods and lakes.

## DOG

**Years of the Dog include 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, and 2030.**

Dogs are loyal and honest, amiable and kind, cautious and prudent. Due to having a strong sense of loyalty and sincerity, Dogs will do everything for the person who they think is most important.

As Dogs are not good at communication, it is difficult for them to convey their thoughts to others. Therefore, Dogs tend to leave others with the impression that they have a stubborn personality.

Born with a good nature, Dogs do not tend to be criminals or seek dishonest gains. They just need a quiet life and a good family and, therefore, forget the ugliness and

evil on Earth.

Dogs are always ready to help others and do not care about their own interests, but if they find themselves betrayed by cunning people they will feel shocked and hurt.

When thrown into doubt, Dogs think the world is evil and complicated. Then they criticize sharply when giving comments on something, and infer all things are according to their pessimistic point of view.

### Good Health for Dogs

Overall, Dogs enjoy good health for they tend to be happy all the time. Dogs are active at sports so they are resilient to illnesses, such as colds, coughs, and fever.

In heavy work periods and frequent social activities, they should ensure they get plenty of rest in addition to taking proper exercise, which will benefit both their physical and mental health. Since Dogs are not keen about seeking money and power, they feel less stressed and tense at work and in their home life.

### Best-Suited Careers for Dogs

Due to their loyal personal-

hands on people, and take the initiative, to make a profit. It will be hard, but you can get some rewards from real estate projects or technical investments. In 2018, the Taisui star can make Dogs gain a lot from thermal power projects or cultural investments.

Dogs like to gain benefits by their strategies. Sometimes you can be a bit of radical, or play hard. So beware legal resistance or rejection of your leadership.

### Career

Dogs are ambitious, and this will be more obvious in 2018. But it will not be easy for you to get a promotion, so you should study further to get more qualifications.

For Dogs who are in a business, you are suggested to focus on real estate projects, technical aspects, thermal power projects, or culture projects. You will be rewarded from these projects, and achieve greater career development.

Dogs, you are in your benmingnian (zodiac birth year) in 2018, so you are suggested to take relaxing walks in parks to get rid of bad luck.

### Love

Dogs will actively try to seek for love or develop relation-

health prospects for Dogs. Because 2018 is your zodiac birth year, you are more likely to get injuries to your arms and legs. It will also be easy for Dogs to have a bloody accident due to their radical tendencies. You should pay attention to your respiratory system.

So Dogs should curb their capricious and radical tendencies. Calm yourself down by taking relaxing walks in parks or lakeside areas.

## PIG

**The following are years of the Pig: 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031.**

Pigs are diligent, compassionate, and generous. They have great concentration: once they set a goal, they will devote all their energy to achieving it. Though Pigs rarely seek help from others, they will not refuse to give others a hand. Pigs never suspect trickery, so they are easily fooled.

General speaking, Pigs are relatively calm when facing trouble. No matter how difficult the problems are Pigs encounter, they can handle things properly and carefully. They have a great sense of responsibility to finish what they are engaged in.

### Good Health for Pigs

Pigs generally have good health all through life, if they avoid excess. While they have frequent dinner parties and social activities, they should avoid excessive eating, drinking, and smoking, which can cause sickness. In addition to a balanced diet, proper exercise is badly needed for Pigs to keep fit.

As Pigs have a free mind on everything, they rarely encounter stress trouble. Faced with work overload, they know how to relax themselves from tiredness. Sleep is a usual way for them to refresh themselves.

### Best Careers for Pigs

**Pigs enjoy fine fortune in their careers.** Their work and cause develop in a relatively smooth way. **When encountering trouble and difficulties,** Pigs tend to receive help from others. With a great sense of responsibility, Pigs are not afraid to try to do what they are interested in, and Pigs have rich creativity and imagination.

**In social relationships,** they should build up their own interpersonal network to help them achieve career success.

**They thrive as** entertainers, caterers, doctors, veterinarians, and interior decorators. Promising career fields include transportation, entertainment,

retail and hospitality.

### How to Build Relationships with Pigs

Pigs enjoy good social relationships, so you don't need to try very hard. With traits of sincerity and integrity, they are popular friends. Pigs are clear-minded, and not preoccupied with minor things that concern other people. They value friendship highly and never betray friends unless in special circumstances.

In love relationships pigs are affectionate and sexual. They are faithful to their partners. Once they find the right partner, they're typically committed for the long-term. However, due to lack of proper communication, sometimes Pigs cannot handle problems in relationships.

If you want to have a long-term relationship with a Pig, be honest with and have knowledge of his/her inner thoughts.

### PROSPECTS FOR 2018

#### Finances

Pigs have average financial prospects in 2018.

If you are a Pig, you will need to be careful of losing money when working with deputy leaders and dealing with law enforcement.

You are likely to be swin-

Pigs, you will easily be bullied by deputy leaders or law enforcement. So it will be hard for you to get a promotion, and you will experience greater pressure at work.

For entrepreneurs, it's not a good year for you to develop your business. You will need to deal with law enforcement or fines.

However, if you are working on thermal power or mineral industry projects, or apartments for officials, you will do well. Don't expect good returns from real estate projects.

### Love

2018 is a lucky year for Pigs in their relationships.

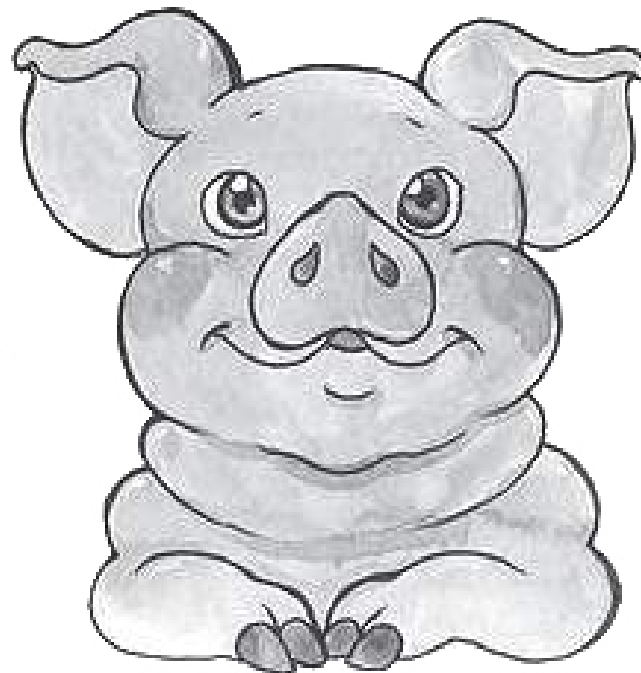
Female Pigs, you will meet your favorite man. He will have a good background, but might be a little stubborn, and sometimes mysterious. You will find him at happy events or activities.

For male Pigs, you will also have good luck, but not as good as females of your sign. You might have to spend more money on developing a relationship. Your favorite woman might hide her feelings quite deeply, or your temporary lack of progress may be because you don't express yourself well. Express your feelings clearly to make steps forward.

### Health

Pigs don't have good health prospects in 2018.

Pigs, you might run afoul



ity, Dogs tend to choose a career based on the principle of serving others. Dogs are seen as valuable employees as they put their heart and soul into their tasks.

They are easygoing and kind, and are always ready to alleviate the workload of others, which makes them very popular in their work circle.

Recommended careers for Dogs include a police officer, scientist, counselor, interior designer, professor, politician, priest, nurse, clerk, and judge.

### PROSPECTS FOR 2018

#### Fortune

In 2018, Dogs should be

ships in 2018. The results may not be ideal, but you may be able to take advantage of a good position and your strong initiative.

For men, although your love life is not forecast to flourish this year, this doesn't mean that you cannot find romance. It may just take longer.

But for women, your love life is unlikely to develop. Because of your pride and radical nature, you are likely to lose your opportunities.

You are suggested to take a walk around a lakeside or in a park to bring more luck to your romantic endeavors.

#### Health

It's not a good year for

dled, and you are not likely to get an unexpected fortune. So don't participate in gambling or the lottery, or high-risk investments. Otherwise your prospects will be worse than average.

Pigs will do well if they invest in thermal power projects or the mineral industry. Work hard to grab your opportunities. Once you succeed, you will be well rewarded.

### Career Prospects

Pigs don't have good luck forecast for their careers in 2018.

of the law in 2018, and become injured. You will easily contract acute diseases. And it will be hard for you to get well with one treatment. Your maladies will have to be healed slowly.

But give yourself a sigh of relief, your health problems will not be serious ones.

Avoid dangerous hiking, climbing, or adventurous activities. Instead, you are suggested to do some relaxing walks at places with woods and lakes to ameliorate your aura.

Source: [www.chinahighlights.com](http://www.chinahighlights.com)



# Lion's Club seeks aid for youth program

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The District 204 Lion's Club is in the process of bringing its youth camp-out to the CNMI but, in the meantime, is seeking the help of government and private agencies to sponsor some of those who will be participating in the camp-out in Guam.

The service organization has hosted a youth camp-out in Guam for many years now to inspire the youth to overcome diversity barriers. The club wants to extend the program to the CNMI but funding has been a setback.

During the club's annual health fair last Sunday, district governor Arturu Navarro explained that the camp-out in Guam also teaches the youth of the Lion's clubs across the

region to transition from Leos (junior youths) to Lion leaders.

"They learn a lot. They learn more about leadership traits...but it is only done in Guam. We have not done it here yet," he said.

The camp-out is usually held once a year for three days.

According to Navarro, it has been a while now since the club planned to extend the camp-out to Saipan but funding has not permitted it.

"Financial constraints have been blocking the way," he said.

Despite this, the youth of Saipan are welcome to join the conference in Guam, assured district 204 2009-governor Goring Duenas, who added that assistance from government or private agencies to help sponsor these youth would be highly appreciated.

"What we are doing here is

inviting them [Saipan youth] to come over and if any businesses out here on Saipan would like to sponsor these youth to come over for that three day activity, we welcome that," he said.

Duenas also said they hope that, one day, the Guam youth can visit Saipan for the youth camp-out.

"It would be like a cultural exchange program of youths working together...One thing that is really good about this program is that it breaks barrier...We'd all come together as one," he said.

Duenas said the club wants to make businesses aware that, although the Lion's Club is a non-profit organization, they can partner up with other businesses that have the same intent as that they have, which is to meet the needs of the community.

## USCIS expands credit card payment option for fees

**WASHINGTON—U.S.** Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday that it will now accept credit card payments for filing most of its forms.

The new payment option is available for the 41 fee-based forms processed at USCIS Lockbox facilities. To pay by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover, applicants will need to use Form G-1450, Authorization for

Credit Card Transactions.

USCIS will enter credit card data into the pay.gov system, operated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and will then destroy the Form G-1450 to protect the credit card information.

Applicants for naturalization and those renewing or replacing their green cards can already use a credit card when they file online at uscis.gov. In addition, USCIS has been ac-

cepting credit card payments for naturalization forms filed at Lockbox facilities since 2015.

Current versions of all USCIS forms are available free at uscis.gov/forms. Learn more about USCIS resources at uscis.gov/tools.

For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit uscis.gov or follow us on Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis), and Facebook (/uscis). (**USCIS**)



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### PORTS POLICE OFFICE RENOVATIONS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-004-16 DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the renovation of office space for the Ports Police department at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for the Renovations of the Ports Police Office – Design/Build Services"**. One (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposer shall submit with their proposal the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Project Approach;
3. D-B Construction Team;
4. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
5. Available resources to accomplish the project;
6. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
7. Valid CNMI Business License.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that either party of the design consultant/contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different design/build teams.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the Ports Police Chief, Juan Dela Cruz, at 237-6500, extension 108 or (670) 483-4535.

The Scope of Work (SOW) and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. | Total cost for design and construction                | 60% |
| 2. | Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff | 15% |
| 3. | Experience of the firm on similar or related projects | 15% |
| 4. | Project Approach                                      | 10% |

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within NINETY (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The contract period for design and construction is stated in the scope of work. Liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: January 29, 2018



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-010

#### MAUI 1 & 4 SHAFT WELLS MECHANICAL LIFT REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to design a method to rehabilitate the Maui 1 & 4 mechanical lifts; to rehabilitate the existing mechanical lifts and develop a safety plan for all required work in the shaft and tunnels in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.*

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-010 Maui 1 & 4 Shaft Wells Mechanical Lift Rehabilitation Project, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **March 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on February 26, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to CUC Water-Wastewater Engineer, Jake Parker via email address [jake.parker@cucgov.org](mailto:jake.parker@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Officer



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS CUC-RSQ-18-014

#### DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND OTHER A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statement of Qualifications from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms for the design of water and wastewater infrastructure including but not limited to water mains, sewer mains (gravity and pressure), lift stations, booster pumping stations, water storage reservoirs, treatment works, upgrade to existing facilities; providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specification, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, electrical inspection, review of partial payment requests, surveying, and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Island of Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed projects are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and CUC. All work is subject to EPA & CUC review and pre-approval.

The RSQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFSQ package set. The RSQ package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective firms must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division to be considered.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RSQ 18-014, Request for Statement of Qualifications" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on March 12, 2018**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received or postmarked on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible A&E firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

All responses to this RSQ should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business and Engineering license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address [nicollette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicollette.villagomez@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications for any reason and to waive any defects in said RSQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All Statement of Qualifications shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
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Nation

School shooting suspect made ‘disturbing’ social media posts

**PARKLAND, Fla. (AP)—**The suspect in a deadly rampage at a Florida high school is a troubled teenager who posted disturbing material on social media before the shooting spree that killed at least 17 people, according to a law enforcement official and former schoolmates.

Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said the 19-year-old suspect, Niko-

las Cruz, had been expelled from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School for “disciplinary reasons.”

“I don’t know the specifics,” the sheriff said.

However, Victoria Olvera, a 17-year-old junior, said Cruz was expelled last school year after a fight with his ex-girlfriend’s new boyfriend. She said Cruz had been abusive to his girlfriend.

School officials said Cruz was attending another school in Broward County after his expulsion.

Broward County Mayor Beam Furr said during an interview with CNN that the shooter was getting treatment at a mental health clinic for a while, but that he hadn’t been back to the clinic for more than a year.

“It wasn’t like there wasn’t concern for him,” Furr said.

“We try to keep our eyes out on those kids who aren’t connected ... Most teachers try to steer them toward some kind

of connections. ... In this case, we didn’t find a way to connect with this kid,” Furr said.

Israel said investigators were dissecting the suspect’s social media posts.

“And some of the things that have come to mind are very, very disturbing,” he added without elaborating.

Group of senators reaches immigration deal on Dreamers, wall

**WASHINGTON (AP)—**A group of senators reached a bipartisan agreement Wednesday aimed at balancing Democrats’ fight to offer citizenship

to young “Dreamer” immigrants with President Donald Trump’s demands for billions to build his coveted border wall with Mexico.

Though the compromise was announced by 16 senators with centrist views on the issue and was winning support from many Democrats, it faced an uncertain fate. Leaders were trying to schedule votes on that plan and three other immigration proposals for Thursday, which they hoped would bring the chamber’s showdown over the hot-button issue to a close.

While not specifically mentioning the bipartisan pact, Trump urged lawmakers to oppose any plan that doesn’t meet his more stringent demands, which include curbs on legal immigration and the abolition of a visa lottery. The Senate’s No. 2 Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, warned that lawmakers need to address Trump’s entire proposal, saying, “We need to take the president seriously.”

There were also qualms among Democrats. The party’s No. 2 Senate leader, Richard Durbin of Illinois, said some Democrats had “serious issues” with parts of the plan. Those concerns focused on its spending for Trump’s wall and its bar

against Dreamers sponsoring their parents for legal residency.

“We’re not there yet,” Durbin said of the 60 votes the proposal would need for approval.

So far, no other proposals from either side seem able to do that. Republicans control the chamber 51-49, though Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has missed the last several weeks while battling cancer.

The bipartisan measure’s sponsors included eight GOP senators. That meant just three more Republicans would be needed for it to prevail if it is backed by all 47 Democrats and the two independents who usually support them.

The compromise emerged as senators spent a third day of debate largely as they spent the first two - with the chamber floor mostly empty. Other than an initial roll call allowing formal debate to begin, there have been no other votes while party leaders talk behind the scenes about scheduling votes on specific proposals.


The centrist proposal was produced by a group led by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., that spent weeks seeking middle ground.

It would grant a 10- to 12-year route to citizenship for 1.8 million Dreamers, participants said.

That’s the same number Trump has suggested helping with his own wider-ranging but more restrictive proposal. Dreamers are young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children and still have no permanent protection from deportation.

The plan would provide \$25 billion over a decade, \$2.5 billion annually, for a wall and other border security measures, the same total Trump has requested. It would bar Dreamers from sponsoring their parents for citizenship, far narrower than Trump’s proposal to prevent all legal immigrants from bringing parents and siblings to the U.S.

The moderates’ measure does not alter a lottery that distributes about 55,000 visas annually to people from diverse countries. Trump has proposed ending it and redistributing its visas to other immigrants, including some who are admitted based on job skills, not family ties.



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**NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW**

A. Project: PALM RESORT HOTEL – The Saipan Hua Mei Development Limited Corporation is proposing to construct the Palm Resort Hotel, a three-story hotel with forty-seven (47) rooms and 17 parking stalls within the tourist district in Garapan, Saipan. This project is situated on Lot No. 001 D 25 with an area of about 597 square meters.

CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2018-X-026

a) Final Discussions, Comments, and/or Questions

b) CRM Permit Application Status Determination, Final Determination


**III. OTHER MATTERS**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO

Director, DCRM




**COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joelen-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

**I. PRELIMINARIES:**

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of Minutes: January 30, 2018

**II. REPORTS:**

A. Report by the Chairman

B. Report by the Executive Director

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

A. Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:

1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel (Imperial Palace)

2. IPI Personnel – Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan

3. Responsible Gaming Program

4. Compliance Committee

5. Other Miscellaneous Matters

B. Other Matters:

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Proposed Permanent Adoption of Casino Regulations:

1. \$175-10.1-1501: Commencement of Complaint.

2. \$175-10.1-1510 (a)(b)(d): Notice of Defense.

3. \$175-10.1-1805(b)(14-17): Grounds for Disciplinary Action.

4. \$175-10.1-2535(c): Determination of Offense Level.

5. \$175-10.1-2555: No Hearing Necessary for Determinations.

B. CCC Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Minimum Bankroll Requirements: IPI's letter, dated February 12, 2018, regarding extension or adoption of a minimum bankroll proposal.

B. Notification of Provisional Service Provider License:

1. Mega Fortis (Malaysia) SDN BHD. Supplier of Miscellaneous Gaming Supplies & Equip (Exp. 01/28/19)

C. Notification of Provisional Casino Vendor License:

1. Macau Bidanli Lighting Company, Ltd. Architectural & Decorative Lighting (Exp. 02/05/19)

2. Rocky Company Limited. Supplier of Construction Materials (Exp. 01/31/19)

D. CCC Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. Report by the Legal Counsel

B. Report by the CCC Audit Division


C. IPI Financial Matters

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan

Chairman




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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

February 16, 2018

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING. THE DCD BOARD MEETING CONVENES AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Roll Call

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. January 27, 2018

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**IV. CDA FY 2019 BUDGET**


**VI. OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECTS ABOVE**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ DAVID S. DEMAPAN

Chairman, CDA Board of Directors




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February 16, 2018

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**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Roll Call

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. November 8, 2017

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. REPORTS**

1. Executive Director's/Loan Manager's Report

2. Comptroller's Report

3. Legal Counsel's Report—Litigation Report

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Amendment to the DCD Rules & Regulations

**VI. OTHER MATTERS**


**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 1(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ AUBRY M. HOCOG

Chairwoman, DCD Board of Directors



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Adoption of Minutes

October 21, 2017 Special Meeting

January 23, 2018 which went on recess and reconvened on January 31 & February 06, 2018.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS'**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Review of applications and supporting documents

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Review current TMS Rules & Regulations

**V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**

**VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION'**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Jesusa C. Atalig

Chairwoman'

\*We ask that members be punctual to meetings each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

\*Pursuant to 1 CMC Section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.



World

Scandals finally catch up with South Africa's Zuma

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—As scandal after scandal unfolded, South African President Jacob Zuma maintained an affable demeanor in public, rallying his support base, dispatching lawyers to fend off court challenges and, it is alleged, enabling his corrupt associates.

Finally, the astute political operator whose on-stage dancing and singing delighted loyalists ran out of options, his reputation shattered by revelations of systemic graft in government. Abandoned by once-steadfast allies in the ruling party, Zuma was forced to resign Wednesday, ending a presidential tenure of nearly a decade, much of it marred by questions about his conduct and character.

Zuma has denied any wrongdoing. But the steady flow, and then flood, of allegations of impropriety on his watch reinforced a sense that South Africa had failed to live up to the hopes of its young democracy when apartheid

ended in 1994.

Certainly, South Africa's economic inequity and other sweeping problems could not be pinned on any one person, and Zuma could point to significant improvements since the end of white minority rule, including during his presidency. But the culture of corruption and impunity that flourished in his orbit could take years to overcome.

As public opinion turned against Zuma, some members of the ruling African National Congress party began to see him as a risk to its hold on power ahead of 2019 elections. His appearances in parliament turned chaotic as protesting opposition members were removed from the chamber.

The growing discontent over Zuma was evident in 2013 when mourners booed him during a Johannesburg stadium memorial for Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president and global statesman.

Before that, Zuma had pre-

sided over one of democratic South Africa's proudest periods—the staging of the World Cup soccer tournament in 2010. He was also leader during one of the most horrifying events—the fatal shooting by police of several dozen protesters during labor unrest at a platinum mine in

Marikana in 2012.

Despite his fumbles and periodic scandals, Zuma was remarkably resilient and showed a deft touch during his career.

In 2007, he beat then-President Thabo Mbeki in a race to lead the ANC party, opening the way for him to become president in 2009.

PH rejects Chinese motion to name underwater resources

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government rejects Chinese names given to some undersea features in a vast offshore region where the Philippines has undisputed sovereign rights, the presidential spokesman said Wednesday in a new tiff despite the Asian neighbors' mended ties.

The Philippines has already raised its concern to China over its naming of the undersea features in Benham Rise and may officially notify the international hydrographic body that lists such records, spokesman Harry Roque Jr. said.

China proposed the names for the features in 2015 and 2017, he said.

In Beijing, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday that China has been participating in activities related to proposing names for undersea features "in accordance with international practice" and the rules of the international hydrographic body.

"China fully respects the Philippines' continental shelf rights over Benham Rise," said Geng Shuang, the Chinese spokesman. "Meanwhile, we hope the relevant parties can be objective and respon-

sible in viewing relevant technical works."

Benham Rise lies on the other side of the Philippine archipelago from the South China Sea, where Manila, Beijing and four other governments have been locked in territorial disputes.

Critics have questioned why President Rodrigo Duterte's administration allowed a group from China to undertake scientific research in the waters given Manila's long-simmering territorial conflict with Beijing in the South China Sea.

China has defied and refuses to comply with an international arbitration ruling that invalidated its claim to virtually all of the South China Sea on historical grounds.

"We object and do not recognize the Chinese names given to some undersea features in the Philippine Rise," Roque said in a statement, using the name given by the Duterte administration to Benham Rise.

Duterte ordered an end last week to all foreign scientific research missions in Benham Rise after officials said the Philippines' undisputed sovereign rights in the potentially oil- and gas-endowed body of water off its northeastern coast came under question.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF RULEMAKING ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION FOR NEW MOTORIZED WATERSPORTS PERMITS AND MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING FOR THE SAIPAN LAGOON**

This is to notify the general public that the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) is engaging in rule making on the commercial motorized marine sports moratorium. As of this notice, DCRM is continuing the temporary suspension of the issuance of new commercial motorized watersports permits on the island of Saipan. This includes, but is not limited to, motor-driven or towed activities such as "Jetski," parasailing, banana boat, water ski, wakeboarding, and other mechanized watersports permits. Permits for SCUBA diving or dive operations are not included in this temporary suspension.


Renewals of existing permits will not be affected by the temporary suspension. **Additionally, this notice modifies the moratorium by allowing new motorized commercial watersports permits to be issued on the islands of Tinian and Rota.**

The purpose of the reissuance of this temporary suspension is to further develop new and/or improved current regulations for the watersports industry on Saipan.

The public is invited to participate in a public forum to discuss next steps on March 8, 2018, at a time and location to be confirmed - please check the events page at [www.crm.gov.mp](http://www.crm.gov.mp) or watch for an updated publication.


Comments may be submitted to DCRM via email at [permitting@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:permitting@dcrm.gov.mp) or hard copies may be provided to our office. It is the intent of DCRM to use feedback gathered at this forum to inform next steps in management planning for the Saipan Lagoon. Applications for permissible activities will continue to be reviewed on a case by case basis until designated activity areas are formalized through this process. Consideration of new watersports permits and operations areas will resume upon the adoption of new BECQ-DCRM regulations pertaining to marine spatial planning for the Saipan Lagoon.

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management




On behalf of the Office of the Governor, a public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 04:30 p.m at the Governor's Conference Room at the Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed USDA Community Facilities Grant application.

The grant will be used for the retrofitting and improvement of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting and comment on the proposed project.



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**  
Caller Box 10007, Gualo Rai Center, Saipan MP 96950  
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**As of February 16, 2018**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:**

| APPLICANT  | DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED                      | APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION                | LOCATION                   | TYPE                   | STATUS                |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mobil Oil                                     | 1/30/2018<br>RSm-2018-X-0125                   | Signage for Public Notice                      | Rota                       | Shoreline              | Under Review*         |
| 2. IRIE, Inc. dba Blue Palms Dive Service        | 1/26/2018<br>RLRm-2018-X-0126                  | Marine Sports New Diving & Snorkeling          | Rota Lagoon                | Lagoon & Reef          | Under Review*         |
| 3. Rubin's Corp. dba Rota SCUBA Center           | 1/29/2018<br>RLRm-2018-X-0129                  | Marine Sports New SCUBA, Snorkeling, & Fishing | Rota Lagoon                | Lagoon & Reef          | Under Review*         |
| 4. MP Holdings dba Saipan Vegas                  | 2/1/2018<br>SMS-2017-X-098<br>Amendment 2018-1 | Proposed additional 48 units & swimming pool   | Chalan Laulau, Saipan      | Major Siting Amendment | Under Review*         |
| 5. Kura-Ling Dive Company                        | 2/8/2018<br>STRLRm-2011-X-054                  | Marine Sports SCUBA                            | Saipan Lagoon              | Lagoon Reef            | Approved<br>2/14/2018 |
| 6. Time Creation Corporation Dba TCC Diving Tour | 2/8/2018<br>SLRm-2014-X-011                    | Marine Sports SCUBA                            | Saipan Lagoon              | Lagoon & Reef          | Approved<br>2/14/2018 |
| 7. Office of The Mayor                           | 2/8/2018<br>SSm-2018-X-037                     | Lunar New Year Party                           | Garapan, Fishing Base      | Shoreline              | Approved<br>2/13/2018 |
| 8. Aquaville Incorporation                       | 2/9/2018<br>SLRm-2013-X-006                    | Marine Sports Banana Boat & Managaha Transfer  | Saipan Lagoon              | Lagoon & Reef          | Approved<br>2/15/2018 |
| 9. Aqua Connections, Inc.                        | 2/9/2018<br>STLRm-2005-X-013                   | Marine Sports SCUBA                            | Saipan, Tinian, & Managaha | Lagoon & Reef          | Approved<br>2/14/2018 |
| 10. Naka's Diving Services                       | 2/9/2018<br>S/TLRm-2005-X-120                  | Marine Sports SCUBA                            | Saipan & Tinian            | Lagoon & Reef          | Approved<br>2/14/2018 |
| 11. Ocean Plus Saipan Inc.                       | 2/12/2018<br>S/T/RLRm-2015-X-004               | Marine Sports SCUBA                            | Saipan Lagoon              | Lagoon & Reef          | Approved<br>2/14/2018 |
| 12. Seahorse Inc. Saipan                         | 2/15/2018<br>SS/LR-98-X-244                    | Marine Sports Jet Ski                          | Fiesta Beach               | Lagoon & Reef          | Under Review*         |
| 13. Seahorse Inc. Saipan                         | 2/15/2018<br>SLRm-98-X-19                      | Marine Sports Banana Boat                      | Managaha Island            | Lagoon & Reef          | Under Review*         |

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations require all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Penguins celebrating Valentine's Day

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Penguins are looking for love with big red hearts at a San Francisco aquarium. In what has become an annual Valentine's Day tradition, biologists handed out red felt hearts to the 14 African penguins at the California Academy of Sciences on Tuesday. The animals grabbed the hearts in their beaks and waddled around their rocky enclosure toward their nests. Spokeswoman Kelly Mendez said it is often the male penguin who retrieves the heart and carries it back to his mate. The penguins use the felt for material in their nests, which helps reinforce the couples' bonds. The activity is part of the academy's captive breeding program to help increase the African penguin population, which is endangered in the wild.

### Fries, not flowers: Fast-food chains try to lure valentines

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Is that love in the air or french fries? White Castle, KFC and other

fast-food restaurants are trying to lure sweethearts for Valentine's Day. It's an attempt to capture a bit of the \$3.7 billion that the National Retail Federation expects Americans to spend on a night out for the holiday. Restaurant analyst John Gordon at Pacific Management Consulting Group says it appeals to people who don't want to splurge on a pricier restaurant. And some customers enjoy it ironically. White Castle, which has been offering Valentine's Day reservations for nearly 30 years, expects to surpass the 28,000 people it served last year. Diners at the chain known for its sliders get tableside service and can sip on its limited chocolate and strawberry smoothie. KFC is handing out scratch-and-sniff Valentine's Day cards that give off a fried chicken aroma to diners who buy its \$10 Chicken Share meals or a bucket full of Popcorn Nuggets. Panera Bread wants couples to get engaged at its cafes; those who do can win food for their weddings from the soup and bread chain. And Wingstop sold out of its \$25 Valentine's Day kit, which

came with a gift card and a heart-shaped box to fill with chicken wings. The company says 1,000 of the kits were gone in 72 hours.

### German police probe pizza stalker

**BERLIN (AP)**—German police are investigating a case of severe pizza stalking in the western town of Dortmund. Police are looking for someone who's bombarded a lawyer by sending scores of pizzas to his office. They said Wednesday the annoyed lawyer pressed charges in January but told them he had no idea who was behind the unwanted food deliveries. Local newspaper Ruhr Nachrichten named the lawyer as Guido Grolle, who told them he had already received over 100 pizzas. Grolle says "it's so irritating, I don't even get my work done anymore." He says sometimes notices about the first deliveries of the day pop up on his phone during his morning shower. Lately, however, the anonymous buyer's tastes have changed: there have also been deliveries for sushi, sausage and Greek food.

# Science & Technology

## How to recognize online scams

**Q**: I'm having e-mail problems. Several times a day I get "mail delivery failure" notices for e-mails that I never sent. I've also been getting e-mails in foreign languages that I can't read. Some of these e-mails don't contain any message, or the attachments don't make any sense.

**Is someone using my e-mail address to send messages to other people? What should I do?**

**A:** It's possible that someone has gained access to your e-mail account and is sending messages in your name. But it's more likely that these are bogus e-mails from disreputable sources. Even the "mail delivery failure" e-mails are probably fake.

There are three things you should do immediately: Change your e-mail password to lock out anyone who might be using the account. Stop opening suspicious e-mails and attachments. Run the free version of the Malwarebytes program (tinyurl.com/jsdacdk) in case the e-mails have installed any malicious software on your computer.

If anyone is using your e-mail account, the goal would be to send junk or malicious e-mails to others using your name. The best defense against that is to create a strong new e-mail password that would be hard for any-

## TECH Q&A

By STEVE ALEXANDER

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one else to guess (see examples at tinyurl.com/y9sr6y97 and tinyurl.com/ybuojnby).

It's common for unscrupulous people to send fake e-mails that are designed to attract attention. The senders hope that curiosity will prompt you to open an e-mail or an attachment, or to respond because you think it was sent to you by mistake.

Either response notifies the sender that your e-mail address is valid, and thus a good place to send more malicious e-mails. In addition, opening these messages makes your computer vulnerable to infection by any malware that the e-mail may carry. (For tips on how to recognize fake e-mail and other online scams, see tinyurl.com/ha6gvmt and tinyurl.com/yahgb5fd).

If an e-mail seems fake, don't open it. Either delete it or send it to your e-mail provider's "spam" or "junk" folder (that may help the provider block similar messages in the future.)

**Q: I received pop-up messages telling me that there was a problem installing se-**

**curity updates for Windows 10. I used the online Microsoft Answer desk, which remotely took control of my PC to solve a problem (error 0xc1900200) with a memory partition (memory block division) on my solid state (computer-chip-based) drive. They also offered to sell me a \$149 one-year service contract, but I didn't buy it. Now my repair shop tells me the whole thing was a scam. Was it?**

**A:** No. While there are many scams that purport to be online support services, the Microsoft Answer Desk (tinyurl.com/ybz55295) is legitimate, as is the Microsoft Assure support service they offered to you (see tinyurl.com/kpd644n).

But it's worth reading Microsoft's warning about support scams that misuse its name (see tinyurl.com/hfwj9wb). These include unsolicited bogus calls from fake support services, requests for credit card information to "validate" your copy of Windows and e-mails with fake "security update" attachments.

## FIFTH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

*In Loving Memory of*

† **Patricia Taitano Cabrera Reyes**

*Lovingly known as "Patsy"*



We, the family would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> year death anniversary of the passage of our beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at San Vicente Church beginning on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00PM. Nightly Rosary will be said at 7:00PM at the family residence in Dandan.

On the final day, Friday, February 23, 2018. Mass will be at 6:00PM at San Vicente Church followed by the Holy Rosary. Dinner will be served at the family residence in Dandan.

Your prayers, thoughts, and presence are sincerely appreciated.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase yan Oloomway

**Antonio "Toi" A. Reyes, Children and Families**

Mexican axolotl  
*Ambystoma mexicanum*

9-12 in. long  
(23-30 cm)

Can reach sexual maturity as a larva

Popular aquarium animal; only a few are left in the wild

## Science Matters



## New insight into amazing axolotl

The axolotl salamander has been intensively studied for 150 years because its astonishing ability to regrow missing body parts, and research on it has taken a major step forward.

Critically endangered, found only in Lake Xochimilco, near Mexico City



### Ability to regrow lost limbs, nerves

Axolotls are cannibals, and if one loses a limb, it regrows a perfect substitute in weeks, complete with bones, muscles and nerves

It can also regenerate a severed spinal cord or damaged retinas



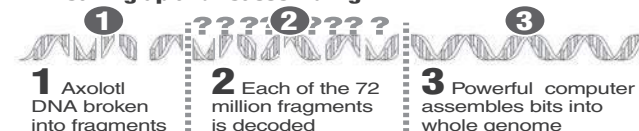
**Four colors** from gene mutations:  
• Pale pink with black eyes  
• Golden with gold eyes  
• Grey with black eyes  
• All black with no markings

## New triumph: Largest genome ever decoded

The axolotl genome, its complete DNA code, contains 32 billion units (base pairs); the human genome contains 2.9 billion

Until now, its huge number of repetitive sequences made analysis impossible

### Breaking up and reassembling DNA



Source: Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies; DFG-Center for Regenerative Therapies of Technical University Dresden; Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics  
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

**Genes found will help explain how axolotl regenerates**



*In Loving Memory of*

# † JUAN LIZAMA EVANGELISTA

*Lovingly known as "JOHN/CHIEF"*

Born to Life: March 28, 1949 • Called to Eternal Life: February 12, 2018

***In his new life, he now joins his:***

**Father:** †Alejandro Reyes Evangelista  
**Mother:** †Vicenta Mendiola Lizama Evangelista  
**Brothers:** †Francisco Lizama Evangelista  
 †Ramon Lizama Evangelista  
**Nephews:** †Edward Babauta  
 †Frankie B. Castro

***He will be forever missed by his:***

**Children & Grandchildren:** William & Aylene Evangelista (Mel John)  
 Alexandro & Grace Evangelista (Adria & Alexa)  
 Giancarlo Pierre & Christine Evangelista (Gianna Marie & Christian Juan)  
 Alejandra Bianca Evangelista  
 Justice Aaron Evangelista  
**Reared Child:** Manuel John (Beau) I. Borja  
**Sisters/Brother/In-laws:** Maria Ramona Lizama Evangelista Indalecio & Manuel Aldan Indalecio  
 Barbara C. Babauta (†Edward Babauta), Children & Grandchildren  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Lizama & Children  
**Nieces & Nephews:** Lucia B. Quitugua (Vincent Manglona), Children & Grandchildren  
 Joan D. Aldan (Francisco Aldan), Children & Grandchildren  
 Arlene I. Reyes (Nick Reyes), Children & Grandchildren  
 Tina E. Indalecio (†Frankie B. Castro), Children & Grandchildren  
 Raymond E. Indalecio (Leovanie C. Indalecio), Children & Grandchildren  
 Everette E. Indalecio (Naydine Aguon), Children & Grandchildren  
 Fatima I. Borja (Joseph Borja), Children & Grandchildren  
 John Paul E. Indalecio  
**Special Family Friend:** Carlos C. Seman

***He will also be missed by numerous grandnieces & nephews, godchildren, cousins, relatives & L&T and Rev & Tax friends.***

Daily mass is at Sta. Soledad Church at 6pm and on Sunday at 6am & 8:30am.

Please join us in sharing our final moments with our beloved †John on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.  
 His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral.  
 Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery  
 where he will be at a peaceful rest.

***Thank You & Si Yu'us Ma'ase***  
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# Life & Style

## At 31, Ryan Coogler ascends to the top with 'Black Panther'

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Ryan Coogler was feeling overwhelmed by "Black Panther."

It was only his third feature film and, at just 30-years-old, he was making it with Hollywood's most powerful studio under enormous cultural expectations and with \$200 million to get it right.

And he really didn't want it to "suck" (his word).

The Oakland, California, native got into filmmaking almost on a lark when a creative writing professor at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, where he was attending on a

football scholarship, suggested he look into screenwriting. He had thought he would play football and be a doctor, maybe, to help his community. But this idea of being a filmmaker took hold, and after making a splash at the USC School of Cinematic Arts, he had solidified himself as one of the most promising and vibrant young directors to watch.

His first feature, the indie "Fruitvale Station," about the final 24 hours of Oscar Grant III, put him on the map after winning the Sundance Grand Jury and Audience prizes in 2013, a handful of critics

groups awards and a Film Independent Spirit Award. His second, the "Rocky" spin-off "Creed," put him on another level.

The \$35 million film grossed over \$173 million worldwide and reinvigorated a franchise for Warner Bros.

It's the kind of one-two punch that made people who didn't even know him at the time, like actress Danai Gurira, feel proud.

"I had been at Sundance the same time he was there



Coogler

with 'Fruitvale Station.' I had so much respect and pride," Gurira said. "I had never met him but I was proud of him, of what he'd done and how he'd moved forward in

the world and told stories that needed to be told."

Still, "Black Panther" was going to be a huge leap, even if odds that it would "suck" were slim. Coogler, 31, was used to making personal films at his own speed. This was a different beast—with visual effects,

a huge ensemble cast and set pieces that would make any veteran filmmaker wake up in a cold sweat.

"This is the first project that I ever did that I felt like I had to make peace with the fact that I would never be caught up in my work," Coogler said. "I had to figure out how to let myself rest. You could work 24 hours a day and it still wouldn't be enough on a film like this. There's so much happening and so many decisions to be made."

"I had to learn to be more efficient," he added. "I got to learn how to do in 30 minutes

what it took me two hours to do on the last movie."

To help, Coogler surrounded himself with a handful of constants, like his muse Michael B. Jordan, cinematographer Rachel Morrison, production designer Hannah Beachler and editor Michael Shawver, and got used to trusting those he hired to go off and do their jobs while he did his, knowing that he couldn't get hung up on details like what color someone's shoes would be. That's what Oscar-nominated costume designer Ruth E. Carter was there for, after all.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Museum: Michelangelo exhibition makes 'most attended' list

**NEW YORK (AP)** — New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art says its recently concluded Michelangelo exhibit is the 10th-most visited exhibition in the museum's history. "Michelangelo: Divine Draftsman and Designer" ended Monday after drawing 702,516 visitors over its three-month residency. The New York Times reports it surpassed attendance for the 2011 exhibition "Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty," which drew 661,609 visitors. However, the Michelangelo exhibit did not come close to surpassing the attendance records set by the museum's top two exhibits. "Treasures of Tutankhamun," a five month-exhibition of the ancient Egyptian pharaoh's artifacts in the 1970s, and Leonardo Da

Vinci's "Mona Lisa" broke the million visitor mark.

#### Tom Daley, Dustin Lance Black announce impending fatherhood

**LONDON (AP)** — British diver Tom Daley and screenwriter husband Dustin Lance Black have announced that they are to become parents. The couple is pictured in an Instagram photo Wednesday holding a picture from a baby scan. A spokesman for Daley confirmed that "Tom and Dustin are thrilled to share that they are expecting their first child in 2018." Daley, 23, and Black, 43, announced their engagement in 2015 with an announcement in the Times of London, and wed last year. Daley has competed at three Olympic Games and won gold in the 10-meter platform event at the 2017 world diving championships. Black is an

American screenwriter and director who won an Academy Award in 2008 for his screenplay for "Milk," a biopic of gay-rights campaigner Harvey Milk.

#### Lena Dunham pens essay about undergoing hysterectomy at 31

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Lena Dunham has written an incredibly personal essay about coming to terms with permanent infertility at age 31. Vogue.com published Dunham's detailed account Wednesday of her decision to undergo a hysterectomy late last year to relieve what she describes as debilitating pain from endometriosis. The award-winning creator of "Girls" and LennyLetter.com also shares her profound desire to experience pregnancy and become a mother

and her grief around losing her fertility. She says dealing with endometriosis distanced her from her romantic partner. Dunham and musician Jack Antonoff announced in January that they had ended their five-year relationship. Dunham says she has known all her life that "something is wrong with my uterus" and has had nine surgeries to cope with endometriosis since her diagnosis 10 years ago. She writes that she is physically recovering well, but that her mind and spirit "are another story." She also adds that she plans to pursue adoption.

#### "Maze Runner" author James Dashner dropped by literary agent

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Maze Runner" author James Dashner, facing allegations of sexual misconduct, has been

dropped by his literary agent. Michael W. Bourret said in a statement to The Associated Press on Wednesday that "under the circumstances" he could no longer represent Dashner. "I couldn't in good conscience continue working with James, and I let him go yesterday," Bourret said. A comments thread on the web site of School Library Journal includes allegations about Dashner, "Thirteen Reasons Why" author Jay Asher and other popular writers for young people. Earlier this week, the head of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators told the AP that Asher had been expelled. A spokeswoman for Asher disputes whether he was kicked out, but confirmed Wednesday that his agent had dropped him.

#### Witness: Luke Wilson a 'hero' in deadly Los Angeles crash

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Actor Luke Wilson played a real-life hero in the aftermath of a Los Angeles car crash that also involved golfer Bill Haas, a witness said Wednesday. Wilson, whose own car was clipped in the three-vehicle accident, pulled a 50-year-old woman from the smoking wreckage of her BMW. "He was the hero, he led the charge," said 46-year-old tattoo artist Sean Heirigs, who was right behind the accident. Heirigs said he and his 14-year-old daughter saw the driver of Ferrari accelerate and appear to lose control, with the back end swinging into oncoming traffic. It hit the BMW and clipped Wilson's car before running into a pole, he said. Heirigs told his daughter to call 911 and went to help the woman trapped in the BMW, which had flipped over onto the passenger side.

## Woman's higher income may bruise her boyfriend's ego

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Hal," and I have been dating for a year and a half, living together for six months. I'm afraid he feels emasculated. Because I make more money than he does, a lot of the responsibility for paying the bills lands on me. We try to split things down the middle, but recent complications with his job have meant it doesn't always work out that way.

I love Hal. I know he's the one I want to spend the rest of my life with. I don't want money to be a dividing force, but I don't know what to say to make him feel better. This has been the elephant in the room for some time.

Hal helps out with cooking and housework, and because of that, I don't mind putting a little more into the bills. I do not want this to be an issue further down the road. Any advice is appreciated.

STUCK ON THIS IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR STUCK:** The problem with elephants in the room is, the longer they are ignored, the larger the herd becomes. It's amazing that two important subjects—sex and finances—are such touchy ones to discuss.

Choose a time when you and Hal are relaxed, and then bring up your concerns. Tell him how much you appreciate him in your life and the efforts he makes to make life easier for you, and that you don't want money issues to cause problems between the two of you. He may need to hear you say it.

Then encourage him to express his feelings the way you have.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were invited by some friends to meet for dinner. We arrived first; they showed up several minutes later. During the meal, the wife said, "I always scan the restaurant to see if there's anyone else here I know."

After we finished dinner and the checks were paid, the couple got up and left the table. We didn't know where they had gone. I put my coat on and we were leaving, when the wife, who was now sitting down at another table with another couple, stopped us to introduce us to them.

I think they were terribly rude. I feel they should have waited and walked out with us, saying hello as they passed the table of their other friends.

This isn't the first time she has done this. Is there a way to politely tell her how rude it is? My husband still wants to meet them for meals, but I am really struggling with it.

DITCHED DINER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**DEAR DITCHED:** If your dinner companion had perfect manners, rather than disappear after the check was paid, she would have said, "I see the Joneses over there. We want to go over and say hello, so come with us or go on ahead." Because you have dined together before, you know this is her pattern. I do not think it is anything to ruin a friendship over.

## DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS:** The Year of the Dog begins today. People born in the Year of the Dog are independent, sincere, loyal and decisive. Undaunted by life's challenges, they enjoy harmonious relationships with those around them. Famous individuals who share this zodiac birthday are Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa, President Bill Clinton, Elvis Presley and Madonna. I wish a happy, healthy new year to all of you who celebrate this holiday.

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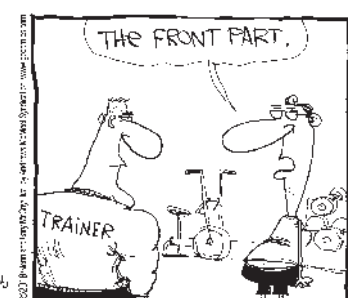


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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| 9 Sixth sense             | 45 Parka                 | 3 29th president   | 28 Short-hand pro   |
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| 23 Boxer                  | 56 Raggedy doll          | 11 Trousers        | 40 Sheets and such  |
| 24 Tizzies                | 57 Doctrine              | 17 Straight talk   | 42 Upright          |
| 25 Hunger symptom         |                          | 19 Old gold coin   | 45 Tennis score     |
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| 31 USC athlete            |                          |                    | 50 Scrape (out)     |
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 2-16

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** The Weeknd, 28; Elizabeth Olsen, 29; Ice-T, 60; LeVar Burton, 61.

**Happy Birthday:** Reevaluate what's happened in the past and find a way to rectify what's gone wrong. Taking a step in a positive direction will allow you to establish a platform to pursue a brighter future. Use your intelligence and incorporate compassion and compromise into the equation. It will help you avoid overreacting, taking on too much and unnecessary indulgence. Your numbers are 6, 9, 14, 20, 27, 34, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Secrecy will lead to anger and potential financial problems. Don't engage in anything that could lead to injury or damage your reputation. If you want to pursue change, do so intelligently and openly. Avoid dealing with bureaucracy. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Snuggle up to someone you love. Don't let anger or dissatisfaction ruin a perfectly good day with someone you truly care about. Let down your guard and show patience, understanding and the willingness to work toward a mutual goal. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make a difference instead of creating a problem. How you handle unfinished business and matters that can affect your reputation will determine where you end up personally and professionally. Don't give in to emotional manipulation or self-deception. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Pull all your resources together and do your own thing. You'll come up with some

interesting ideas that will help you combat some of the obstacles you've faced in the past. A partnership will motivate you to pursue your dreams. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Uncertainty will arise if you mix money and friendship. Don't get involved in joint ventures or pay for someone else's mistake. Invest only in the projects that are certain to benefit you. Avoid indulgent behavior and excessive spending. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put more effort into your personal relationships. If you love someone, let him or her know. If you feel your relationships with others could use some work, be forthright and find out where you stand. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get involved in projects that allow you to use your skills and experience in new ways. What you learn will help you make better choices. Don't let a past connection or mistake hold you back. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take a deep breath and get ready to take on whatever comes your way. Push back if someone is overstepping his or her bounds, and make your point heard without showing anger. Your guidance, not your criticism, is required. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't skirt issues or try to make excuses for someone else's behavior. Be realistic in your appraisals and honest about your concerns. Anger will only make matters worse. Remain calm and do whatever is in your best interest. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Rely on yourself and your ability to get things done. Refuse to let anyone sidetrack you or take advantage of your knowledge, skills and experience. Do what works for you and don't worry about what others do. \*\*\*\*



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Baby steps will help you build your future on solid ground. Taking on too much or overdoing it in any way will end up holding you back. Plan out every move you make and you will reach your destination. \*\*\*



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Being sensitive will help you establish what others want. Know when to decline a joint venture. Look out for your best interests. Feeling sorry for someone who is trying to take advantage of you will lead to loss. \*\*\*



**Birthday Baby:** You are compassionate, intuitive and loyal. You are creative and persistent.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

PALAU, MICRONESIA

Solution: 7 letters

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**Contact Person: Adonis Santos**  
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**Contact Person: Adonis Santos**  
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-v- ) **17-0290**  
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# Ronaldo's two goals lift Real Madrid past PSG

**MADRID (AP)**—Paris Saint-Germain showed its strength against the European champions, but it wasn't enough to stop Cristiano Ronaldo.

Ronaldo scored a goal in each half as Real Madrid came from behind to defeat PSG 3-1 in their first-leg match in the last 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday, taking a commanding lead into the second leg in Paris on March 6.

Ronaldo increased his Champions League tally with Madrid to 101 goals in 95 matches, a record for a player with the same club. He has 11 goals in seven Champions League matches this season, the most of any player.

"It's always special when you score and the team wins," Ronaldo said. "It was an important victory. It's not over yet but we have a good advantage for the second leg."

Ronaldo has scored in each of the first seven Champions League matches this season, also a record. He has netted at least 10 goals in the tournament for seven straight seasons.

"We always end up saying the same things about him," Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said of Ronaldo. "He always makes the difference in important games and that's what he did tonight."

On a mission to become a major force in European soccer, PSG played well from the start in an exciting back-and-forth match against the two-time defending champions, but the late goals significantly hurt their chances of finally succeeding in the Champions League.

This was PSG's first significant test since the Qatari-funded club spent a record 222 million euros to sign Neymar from Barcelona in a bid to



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, left, prepares to shoot while PSG's Presnel Kimpembe looks during a Champions League Round of 16 first leg soccer match between Real Madrid and Paris Saint Germain at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.

break into the continent's elite.

"Our team played a great game, we showed a lot of personality," PSG coach Unai Emery said. "We deserved a better result."

Triumph against PSG could help Madrid turn its fortunes around in what has been an up-and-down season for the Spanish powerhouse. Zidane's job has been in doubt after a series of poor results in the Spanish league and the Copa del Rey.

"This club has 12 Champions League titles and there's a reason for that," Zidane said. "The players know how important this competition is. We showed our worth for the whole 90 minutes."

Liverpool thrashed Porto



5-0 in Portugal in Wednesday's other Champions League match.

PSG struck first with a goal by Adrien Rabiot, but Ronaldo equalized by converting a penalty kick just before halftime and added to the lead in the 83rd. Marcelo sealed the victory three minutes later.

Madrid, which has won the Champions League in three of the last four seasons, had appeared in control but PSG opened the scoring in the 33rd with Rabiot's shot from inside the area on a play that involved all three PSG forwards. Kylian Mbappe started it with a run on the right side, then Edinson Cavani smartly let the ball through after Mbappe's cross into the

area and it ended with Rabiot after Neymar's attempt was deflected by a defender.

Not long before the goal, Ronaldo squandered one of the game's best chances in a one-on-one situation with Alphonse Areola, his shot hitting the goalkeeper's face. Ronaldo also missed soon after, sending a close-range shot over the crossbar.

But he was perfect from the penalty spot just before halftime after Toni Kroos was gently pulled inside the area by Giovanni Lo Celso, the young midfielder who was a surprise addition to the starting lineup in place of Lassana Diarra.

Areola dived the correct way—to his right—but wasn't able to stop Ronaldo's firm shot. Areola had just made a brilliant save on Karim

Benzema's well-placed strike from just outside the area.

It was PSG which was in command in the second half, creating most of the significant chances, but Ronaldo

struck again by scoring the go-ahead and slightly chaotic goal with his knee after Areola parried a low cross by substitute Marco Asensio.

It only got better for Madrid when Marcelo scored from inside the area after another cross from Asensio from the left side.

"In the end we always get beaten the same way," Rabiot said. "It's annoying and I'm very disappointed. It's easy to score eight past Dijon and score four or five in the (French) league, but we have to be decisive in games like this."

The match had to be briefly stopped in the second half after a cross by Neymar hit the face of referee Gianluca Rocchi, who continued after receiving medical assistance.

## Haley excited about new start with Browns



**BEREA, Ohio (AP)**—Todd Haley's dad played for the Steelers, so

he grew up in a household where enemy lines were clearly defined.

"I hated the Browns," Haley said.

Not anymore.

After six successful seasons guiding one of the NFL's most high-powered offenses in Pittsburgh, Haley is starting anew in Cleveland with the winless Browns, a team he once reviled but always respected.

Haley was hired last month by Browns coach Hue Jackson, who after two seasons of handling coordinator duties, is turning over both his offense and play calling to the former Kansas City head coach. It's another new challenge for Haley, who was dismissed by the Steelers in the ugly aftermath of their playoff loss to Jacksonville.

Haley opened his introductory news conference on Wednesday by touting a few of his accomplishments during "six really good years" coaching stars Ben Roethlisberger, Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell with the Steelers, but then made it clear he has moved on.

"I'm looking forward," he said, "not back."

For Haley, the Browns, coming off a historic 0-16 season, present a new chal-

lenge in a coaching career that has had other tests. Following his departure in Pittsburgh, Haley said he was attracted to the Cleveland gig because of his familiarity with Jackson, working with new general manager John Dorsey and bringing back the Browns, who are just 1-31 the past two seasons.

"I had some options, but this really appealed to me—the challenge aspect of it," he said. "I think there are pieces in place to be successful. I went out to Arizona to be a coordinator, and Arizona had not had much success."

"A lot of people thought I was crazy for leaving Dallas when I did, but man, when you are a part of turning it around and having success, playing in big games and having success in big games, there is nothing like it."

"That is what appealed to me—the challenge and the people I was going to be working alongside of."

Haley felt the same way in Pittsburgh, almost up to the time that the Steelers chose not to renew his contract, cutting him loose three days after the AFC North champions were beaten 45-42 by the Jaguars. Haley had been criticized for several decisions in that loss, most notably two fourth down-and-short plays that the Steelers failed to convert.

There's no second-guessing in Cleveland. At least not yet.

## As Martinez questions swirl, optimistic D-backs open camp



**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)**—

Buoyed by optimism that just about everyone is back from a 93-win team, pitchers and catchers began spring training workouts for the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

Little was revealed, though, over the matter of whether the Diamondbacks truly have a shot at re-signing slugger J.D. Martinez.

A reporter astutely pointed out to manager Torey Lovullo that, in the clubhouse, there are vacant lockers between Nos. 27 and 30. Martinez wears No. 28.

There was a lot of laughter from reporters and a pause from the manager.

"You guys pay attention," Lovullo finally said. "Yeah, I think 28 and 29 are numbers that are available."

But Lovullo had nothing to say about any progress in convincing Martinez to re-sign.

"Said it many times," he said. "J.D. was a huge part of our ball club. I know there are 30 teams he's available to. I'll leave it at that. I don't know anything else. I just know he was a main reason why we performed the way we did last season down the stretch."

Conventional wisdom at the time was that Martinez priced himself out of the Diamondbacks' salary scale with his monster half-season with Arizona, following his trade to the Diamondbacks from Detroit. It's also true that Martinez has a long-term contract offer with Boston, but it's smaller than he and agent Scott Boras believe is deserved. So there apparently has been some thought about coming back to Arizona,

where he loved the clubhouse atmosphere and would get to play in the outfield rather than at his less-preferred role as designated hitter with the Red Sox.

He has said many nice things about the Diamondbacks.

"I don't know exactly what he's saying," Lovullo said. "I'd just say the feeling is probably very mutual. If you're saying he had some complementary things to say about this organization, we feel the same way. To be honest with you, it doesn't surprise me. This is a special place. We believe in our players. We love our players. We allow our players to go out and perform and we enjoy their success as much as they do."

The pitchers worked out in a cool, light rain—a far cry from the record-breaking heat of



# Davis scores 42, leads Pelicans' rout of Lakers



**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Anthony Davis tuned up for the All-Star Game with one more dominant performance.

Davis had 42 points and 15 rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Los Angeles Lakers 139-117 on Wednesday night.

"(The Lakers) were switching a lot and (Davis) had a small guy on him a lot," New Orleans coach Alvin Gentry said. "He took advantage of it."

Davis went 15 for 18 from the field with three assists, three steals and two blocks. Jrue Holiday had 24 points and 11 assists, and reserve Darius Miller scored 19 points.

It was the highest scoring game of the season for New Orleans, which has won three in a row heading into the break.

"I was just being aggressive," said Davis, who was elected to the starting lineup for this Sunday's All-Star Game in Los Angeles. "We're on a good little roll and we're playing with a lot of confidence. We wanted to make

sure we finished on a good note before this break. Now we have to make sure we keep it going and come out with a lot of energy after the break."

Kyle Kuzma scored 23 points and Brandon Ingram had 21, but Los Angeles surrendered its most points in a regulation game this season. Julius Randle scored 20 points for the Lakers, and Josh Hart had 15.

## Rockets 100, Kings 91

In Houston, James Harden had 28 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, and the Houston Rockets held on for their 10th straight victory, 100-91 over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The Rockets are 44-13 entering the All-Star break after winning 17 of their last 19 games.

Houston led by as many as 17, but the Kings got within striking distance several times in the fourth quarter. They were within six late when Houston used a 7-2 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Harden, to make it 94-83 with just more than a minute left.



New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) dunks as Los Angeles Lakers forward Julius Randle (30) and center Brook Lopez (11) watch during the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.

scored 28 points, Russell Westbrook added 23 points in his 17th triple-double of the season, and Oklahoma City held off Memphis.

Westbrook finished with 15 assists and 13 rebounds to help Oklahoma City win for only the third time in the last nine games. Carmelo Anthony added 19 points. The Thunder made a season-high 17 3-pointers.

## Raptors 122, Bulls 98

In Chicago, Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 10 assists, Serge Ibaka also scored 20 points and Toronto cruised into the All-Star break with its seventh straight victory.

Lowry made four 3-pointers, and he and Ibaka each grabbed seven rebounds.

Jonas Valanciunas added 14 points and nine rebounds to help the Raptors complete a four-game sweep against Chicago even though they only got seven points from DeMar DeRozan.

## Wizards 118, Knicks 113

In New York, Bradley Beal had 36 points and Washington overcame a 27-point deficit to beat New York.

Otto Porter Jr. added 22 points and Ian Mahinmi had 17 for the Wizards, who trailed 68-41 late in the second quarter. Washington then went on a 42-15 run to tie it at 83 with 3:32 left in the third.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 37

points—32 in the first half—to lead the Knicks.

## 76ers 104, Heat 102

In Philadelphia, Ben Simmons had a triple-double, J.J. Redick hit a 19-foot, off-balanced jumper from the baseline with 19.4 seconds left and short-handed Philadelphia overcame a 24-point second-half deficit to beat Miami.

Dario Saric added 19 points and Marco Belinelli had 17 in his first game with the team to help the 76ers win their fifth straight and 11th in a row on their home court.

## Pistons 104, Hawks 98

In Detroit, Ish Smith had 22 points and nine assists, Blake Griffin narrowly missed a triple-double and Detroit beat Atlanta to end a three-game losing streak.

Griffin finished with 13 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and Andre Drummond added 13 points and 15 rebounds. Andrew White III had 15 points for the Hawks in his NBA debut.

## Hornets 104, Magic 102

In Orlando, Dwight Howard had 22 points and 13 rebounds, Kemba Walker added 20 points and Charlotte edged Orlando to stop a four-game slide.

Mario Hezonja led Orlando with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

## Pacers 108, Nets 103

In New York, Victor Oladipo scored 25 points, and Corey Joseph added 15 points and 11 assists to help Indiana beat Brooklyn for its third straight victory.

Allen Crabbe had 23 points for the Nets. They have lost seven in a row.

## Races too close to call at NBA All-Star break

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The NBA will reach the All-Star break with conference races that are too close to call.

In fact, they could be closer than ever at the league's showcase event.

The Toronto Raptors take a one-game lead over Boston in the Eastern Conference into Wednesday, the last full night of play before a week off. In the West, the Golden State Warriors' lead is down to a half-game over the surging Houston Rockets, who

have won nine in a row.

Unless those leads grow after those four teams play Wednesday, it will be the first time in NBA history that both conference leaders are ahead by one game or less at the All-Star break, according to the league.

If Houston beats Sacramento and Golden State loses to Portland, it will also mean both All-Star coaches warrant their spots because of their records, instead of the rules.

Toronto's Dwane Casey,

who will coach Team LeBron, and Houston's Mike D'Antoni, who will lead Team Stephen, clinched the coaching positions even though their teams didn't lead the conferences at the cutoff date. Boston's Brad Stevens and Golden State's Steve Kerr were both ineligible because they coached last year.

But Casey isn't celebrating as he heads off to his first time as the head coach of an All-Star team, knowing the tough road ahead.

## Clippers 129, Celtics 119

In Boston, DeAndre Jordan had 30 points and 13 rebounds and Los Angeles beat Boston for its fourth victory in five games.

Tobias Harris added 21 points, Danilo Gallinari had 20, and Lou Williams 19.

Kyrie Irving led Boston with 33 points and eight assists. Al Horford had 20 points, and Marcus Morris added 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Celtics lost for the fourth time in five games.

## Thunder 121, Grizzlies 114

In Memphis, Paul George

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# Aldan clinches SGA January Ace

By JON PEREZ  
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Joe H. Aldan's year is off to a good start as he ruled the Saipan Golfers Association's January Ace of the Month Tournament held last Jan. 28 at the Graham Marsh-designed Kingfisher Golf Links.

Aldan shot rounds of 44 and

42, giving him a gross score of 86, and with an 18 handicap, he earned a net score of 68 for a two-shot lead over runner-up Jung Eun Teack and third placer Juan Lizama.

Jung and Lizama finished tied for second place with a net score of 70, but the former secured second place after the scorecard playoffs. Jung had a 39 and 44 on the front and back nines for an 83 and his 13

handicap gave him the net 70, while Lizama recorded a pair of 42s for an 84 and ended up with the same tally based on his 14 handicap.

Meanwhile, beside placing second to Aldan, Jung also had the longest drive at hole No. 7, while Rick Kautz duplicated the feat at hole No. 14.

Joe Demapan, the 2017 SGA Ace of the Year, was the closest to the pin winner at hole No. 6,

while Steve Balakrishna and Larry A. Guerrero secured the same award at holes No. 8 and 12. Aldan also earned a closest to the pin prize with his shot at hole No. 15.

The SGA's monthly tournament continues this Sunday with the staging of the February Ace, also at Kingfisher. Show time and registration is set at 8am, while tee time will be at 9am.

## Last tryout for NMI men's basketball team tomorrow

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

The Mariana Islands Basketball Federation will be holding the final day of tryouts for the CNMI national men's basketball team tomorrow, Saturday, from 1pm to 4pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MIBF development officer Elias Rangamar, who started conducting tryouts for both men's and women's players last week, said representatives from Rota and Tinian are expected to join the weekend event.

The tryouts are for the national teams that would be competing in the 2018 Micronesian Games set from July 15 to 28 in Yap. Those who want to try out must follow the Mi-

cronesian Games' residency rule—at least a five-year resident of the country they will be

representing. Rangamar is hoping to name the final composition of the two teams before March so

that they could start their training and preparation for the Micro Games. After working with the candidates—drills and other skills tests—Rangamar said he will be compiling his assessment of each player and would talk to them one at a time to discuss why they are chosen or why they miss the cut. Rangamar is hoping to form competitive teams (men's and women's) that could matchup with the region's top squads.

For more information, email Rangamar at ejrangamar@gmail.com or call 2346672.

## Micro Games volunteers attend table tennis workshop

COLONIA, Yap—Technical training for table tennis was the topic of the 14-day workshop at the Yap Sports Complex as participants learned the technical aspects of the sport and gained coaching skills in time for the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap this summer.

The workshop, held from Feb. 11 to 25, is supported by the \$20,000 grant from the International Olympic Committee and was hosted by the Federated States of Micronesia National Olympic Committee.

Former German semi-professional player Patrick Wuertz conducted the two-week long training that is part of Yap's preparations for its hosting of the Micro Games, which will be held from July 15 to 27. Wuertz now resides in Melbourne, Australia after becoming the ITTF-Oceania high performance of-



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Participants in the International Table Tennis Federation technical training workshop gather around the new table tennis tables at the Yap Sports Complex, which will host the 2018 Micronesian Games.

ficer. He specializes in the development of performance-oriented structures in sport and coaching education.

The German said that the course includes coaching skills

to introduce table tennis to beginners, its rules, tournament organization and competition formats, and provide information on para-table tennis for disabled athletes.



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ing frame, got its lone goal in the match in the 55th minute, thanks to Reginald Pascual's shot.

Meanwhile, MP United completed the opening week winners list after slipping past Paire, 4-3.

Rintaro Miyawaki drilled the go-ahead goal in the 51st minute after John Villagomez tied the match three minutes earlier. Miyawaki also drew first blood for MP United with his conversion in the 13th minute and forced an early deadlock after Kaden Church scored for Paire in the 10th minute.

Paire failed to knock in a single shot in the remaining minutes of the first half, while Oliver Fajardo and Jason Quimson earned goals in the 15th and 33rd for MP United's 3-1 edge at the break.

When the game resumed,

Paire fought back and knotted the count anew with Blake Mister and Villagomez scoring in the 42nd and 48th minute, respectively. However, the standoff did not last long, as Miyawaki countered in the 51st minute and MP United went on to keep its shaky lead and win its season debut.

### CO-ED U13 MP United 6, TanHoldings-2 2

MP United also prevailed in its first game in the co-ed U13 division after outclassing TanHoldings-2 at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Garett Weaver had a pair of goals for MP United, while Andrew Chung, Cody Shimizu, Dev Bachani, and Richard Castro added one each. Monico Claridades and Anthony Austria made the two goals for TanHoldings-2.

### Kanoa-1 4, Kanoa-2 1

In the battle between two sister teams, Kanoa-1 won over Kanoa-2.

Four different players hit the board for Kanoa-1 with Andrew Sablan starting things off for the squad with his goal in the 38th minute. Taehun Han added one more for Kanoa-1 in the 44th minute, while the final two came from John Mark Anastacio and Sean Gil in the 45th and 54th minute, respectively.

Kanoa-2's lone goal was courtesy of Zoie Nicole Gray, who found the back of the net in the 34th minute.

### TanHoldings-1 5, Matansa 4

Mark Joseph Roque scored in the 48th minute to hand TanHoldings-1 a close win over Matansa.

Roque's dagger came three minutes after Matansa's Alex

Megino tied the match and his goal was one of the four that TanHoldings-1 registered to bounce back from a 1-2 deficit at the break.

Matansa had the lead at half-time, thanks to Philip Megino and Jin Wen Xin's goals in the sixth and 21st minute. Ariel Narvaez tallied the first goal for TanHoldings-1 in the 12th minute, while Harry Domulat's goal in the 32nd minute evened up the match.

Philip Megino then scored anew in the 36th minute to reclaim the lead, however Anthony John Bergancia countered two minutes later for another deadlock, while Domulat's second goal in the 41st minute gave TanHoldings-1 the advantage. Philip's brother, Alex, tied the match for the third time, but TanHoldings-1 had the last say with Roque's game winner.

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Southeast Asia, while Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, and the Philippines are not far behind.

"Right now, the new board must first meet to discuss how we are going to move forward with these plans. We need to come up with steps to realize these plans since 2021 is just three years away," added Tolentino.

Chris Hilario (first vice president), Tommy Kim (second vice president), Shirley Kim

(treasurer), Cristy Villafior (secretary general), and members Jaja Samonte, Elna Curate, Hannah Choi, Lani Santos, and Patrick Fernandez join Tolentino on the NMBA board.

Besides badminton, athletics, baseball, canoe (va'a), golf, sailing, swimming, tennis, triathlon, volleyball (beach and indoor), weightlifting, and wrestling are the other sports that will be offered in the scaled down version of the Pacific Games, which Saipan will be hosting for the first time.

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ed 10 each. Joseph Villamena, Fradel Sedillo, and Rex Demafelix contributed 8 points apiece in Fiesta Resort's balance offense.

### First Game

POI 65 — Nakashima 16, Yu 9, Tenepere 9, Santos 7, Delos Santos 7, Deleon Guerrero 7, Kaipat 6, Kim 4.

Lower Base 57 — Fujihira 19, Riungel 15, Kenty 10, Alegre 8, Jinang 3, Peteru 2.

Scoring by halves: 35-31, 65-57.

### Second Game

Fiesta Rockers 81 — Non-

ato 14, Ngirarois 13, Arreza 10, Francisco 14, Sedillo 8, Demafelix 8, Villamena 8, Esdrelon 4, Maliwanag 2.

Saipan Tribune 51 — Usi 20, M. Ong 12, De La Torre 8, Lapuz 5, Rabago 3, Calayag 2, Orbeta 2.

Scoring by halves: 33-23, 81-51.

### Third Game

Shirley's 64 — Laxa 18, Jugos 14, Guiab 13, Alonzo 8, Catungal 7, Bordon 2, Palma 2.

Kanoa Resort 63 — Schmidt 21, Pablo 14, Encarnacion 10, De Arroz 10, Sison 5, Bustillo 3.

Scoring by halves: 29-36, 64-63.

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Pirates, Kagman Little Legals, the Taalabwogh Falcons, NSA Braves, and the Comets are entered in the Majors.

The NSA Braves in both the Junior and Senior League divisions have also yet to turn in other requirements. Comets 1 and 2, Falcons, and WPTC Chiefs complete the Junior League field, while the Fielders and the Falcons in the Senior League division have already completed their documents.

Meanwhile, Tenorio is reminding participating teams to submit proof of school enrolment.

"If you do not attend school, then why do you have to play in the Little League? School is more important than playing sports. I'm done with some of the papers. The board is hoping that teams would comply and submit the documents they are still lacking," said Tenorio.

She added that managers or coaches of the teams should call her at 285-1024 for more information.

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Lee and Roy Pangelinan, 6-3, 6-1. Loken and Heo will next challenge the unseeded Kazuma Nakabayashi and Dong Min Lee, who pulled off an upset over No. 8 La Hunn Lam and Ji Min Woo, 6-2, 6-4.

In the other Round of 8 pairing at the top half of the 32-team draw, it will be No. 3 Isaac

Heo and Ken Song versus No. 6 Eubin Park and Michael Ren. Heo and Song coasted past Danny Jeong and Malika Miyawaki, 6-2, 6-1, while Park and Ren also took only two sets to knock off Minji Jung and Gary Ramsey, 6-1, 6-2.

Meanwhile, in the men's singles, Schorr and Villanueva, the Top 2 seeds in the division, are on course for a finals collision as they made it to the

semifinals last week.

Schorr got a bye and an outright semis berth and will have to win over Ken Song to move to the title match. Song set up a Final Four date against Schorr after defeating Steven Goodwin, 6-4, 6-3.

Villanueva also needed only two sets to march into the semis as he topped Woo, 6-2, 6-3. The No. 2 seed Villanueva will meet Race in the

semifinal game this Saturday, as the latter earned a Final Four slot following a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over Tudela.

Besides the men's singles and mixed up doubles, the 11 other events in the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association-sanctioned tournament will also resume their games this weekend, while final matches are expected to be played on Monday.



# 3 teams battle for last 2 playoff berths

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make-or-break games tonight

Shirley's Coffee Shop, POI Aviation, and *Saipan Tribune* play in

as they fight for the last two semis berths in the 2017 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League.

The three teams hold similar 4-5 records going into the last day of the elimination round and the two squads to win in tonight's triple-header will join

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan (9-0) and Kanoa Resort (6-3) in the Final Four. Shirley's will face the unbeaten Fiesta Resort in the second game at 7pm, while *Saipan Tribune* and POI will collide in the third match at 8pm. Kanoa Resort and Lower Base Warriors will play in the curtain-raiser at 6pm.

Shirley's remained in contention for a semis slot after stunning Kanoa Resort last Friday, 64-63, at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

It was a come-from-behind victory for Shirley's, as it was

once down by 17 points in the first half. Kanoa led at 34-17, but played complacent the rest of the way, allowing Shirley's to recover.

Seth Alonzo anchored Shirley's fightback, as he scored 8 straight points. Alonzo and company had a 12-2 windup in the last seven minutes of the first half to cut the deficit to 7 at the break, 29-36.

Shirley's then continued its uphill climb in the second half and this time, the trio of John Jugos, Duncan Laxa, and Junar Guiab teamed up in com-

pleting the team's upset over Kanoa. Laxa finished with a game-high 18 points, while Jugos and Guiab chipped in 13 and 14, respectively.

In other results, POI snapped a three-game losing skid and kept its playoffs hopes alive after downing the Lower Base Warriors, 65-57.

Nak Nakashima top-scored for POI with his 16 points and drew a lot of help from his teammates to beat the depleted Lower Base crew in the first match last weekend.

In the second game, Fiesta

Resort moved a win away from sweeping the double-round robin elimination following an 81-51 rout of *Saipan Tribune*.

Fiesta also capitalized on the short-handed *Saipan Tribune* to cruise to its ninth win in as many matches. Four Fiesta players registered double-figures in their 30-point victory with Arjay Nonato leading the way with his 14 points, Troy Ngirarois added 13, while Krisgel Arreza and Wilfredo Francisco contribut-

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Junar Guiab, left, and Isaiah Bordon, right, challenge the shot of Kanoa Resort's Sonny Encarnacion during the first half of their game in the 2017 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Little League opening pushed back

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The Saipan Little League Board Inc. has decided to push back the opening of the 2018 season for another week as some of the competing teams have yet to complete the competition requirements.

With the cancelation of this Saturday's opening, SLLBI president Mike Borja has scheduled an emergency meeting tomorrow at 9:30am at the pavilion at the back of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Borja and the SLLBI board are asking all coaches and managers of competing teams in the four divisions to attend the meeting as they need to discuss the season's opening and other important matters, including the documents that each squad must submit.

SLLBI player agent Piding Tenorio, in a telephone interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, confirmed that they wouldn't

be able to open the season tomorrow as several teams have yet to turn in the required documents. The board—which is also made up of vice president A.J. Murig, secretary Malcolm Omar, and treasurer Annie Flores—had set deadlines and even held a one-day final submission on Feb. 3 to give teams more time to submit the league requirements. Tenorio, who collects and handles the documentation for all the players in four divisions, said that the board is hoping teams will be able to complete and turn in documents tomorrow.

The NSA Braves, Little Legals, and Comets are the teams in the Minor league division that have yet to comply with all the requirements, while the Little Cubs and McDonald's are the squads in the Majors that have the same deficiencies. The Kagman Marlins is the other team in the Minors division, while Bank of Saipan,

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Jeff Race stretches for a return, while teammate Juncheol Hwang gets ready for the next play during their mixed up doubles game against Nason Wessel and Vincent Tudela in the 2018 Coconut Tennis Classic last weekend at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

## Race, Hwang in Round of 8

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The crowded mixed up doubles event in the 2018 Coconut Tennis Classic is down to eight teams with coach Jeff Race and junior player Juncheol Hwang leading the quarterfinals cast after the opening week matches were completed at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The No. 2 seed Race and Hwang made it to the Round of 8 after sweeping Nason Wessel and Vincent Tudela, 6-2, 6-0, last Sunday. The Race-Hwang tandem, who slipped past David Kwon and Grace Choi in their opening match, 6-7, 6-3, 10-9, last Friday, will shoot for win No. 3 and a semis berth in the lower half of the draw when they take on No. 7 Helen Kim and Tania Tan in the quarterfinals. Tan and Kim earned the right to face Race and Hwang after ousting Ruma and Sean Lee, 6-3, 7-6.

The seeded teams at the bottom half of the draw are all accounted for with No. 5 Robbie Schorr and J.C. Ferrer and No. 4 Seung Won Lee and Moris Villanueva prevailing in their second round matches. Schorr and Ferrer eased past Steven Goodwin and Fanai Staffler, 6-1, 6-1, to arrange a Round of 8 tiff with

the pair of Lee and Villanueva, who also eliminated Richard Steele and Saorin Oh after only two sets, 6-1, 6-2.

At the upper half of the draw, three seeded pairs and one unranked duo made it to the quarterfinals. No. 1 seed Daniel Heo and Peter Loken advanced after beating Danny

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## NMBA to start plans for 2021 Mini Games



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Northern Marianas Badminton Association president Merlie Tolentino, right, poses with former NMBA head Tae Ho Kim after the group's election last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The Northern Marianas Badminton Association is set to begin planning for the 2021 Pacific Mini Games as badminton is one of the sports that



will be played when Saipan hosts the quadrennial event.

NMBA president Merlie Tolentino said that one of their plans is to begin looking for possible youth players that could compete against regional powerhouses New Caledonia, Fiji, and Tahiti.

"We're the hosts so first we need to have a team. Second, we need to put our best foot forward and have competitive players against other countries," said Tolentino, who replaced Tae Ho Kim as CNMI badminton chief.

To identify potential players that will represent the Commonwealth to the 2021 Mini Games, NMBA is aiming to revive its youth program.

The association will also seek assistance from Badminton Oceania and plans to form partnerships with some Southeast Asian countries that are known to have a strong badminton program. Indonesia and Malaysia have been the traditional powerhouses in badminton in

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## Strong debut for Matansa, Kanoa

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Matansa Football Club and Kanoa FC cruised past their respective opponents in the opening week of the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Kanoa played in the last game in the triple-header in the boys U15 division and topped Shirley's FC, 6-3, while in the second match, Matansa dominated TanHoldings FC, 8-1.

Brian Lubao delivered a hat trick in his first game this season to power Kanoa past Shirley's. He made his three goals in succession in a span of three minutes to foil Shirley's comeback bid in



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A Kanoa Football Club player kicks the ball in front of a Shirley's FC defender during the second half of their boys U15 division game in the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

the second half. The Kanoa striker's first goal came in the 66th minute, while the last two were recorded in the 67th

and 69th.

Merrick Toves nailed Kanoa's other goal in the second half (39th minute) and also logged the team's first in the game in the 23rd minute, while his younger brother Markus hit the board in the 33rd. Shirley's three goals were courtesy of Elijah Villanueva, Daniel Jay Duenas, and Rakib Hasaan in the 48th, 51st, and 70th minute, respectively.

In the Matansa-TanHoldings one-sided match, Razeff Altamirano was on target for the winning squad after firing five goals. He had a hat trick early in the first half to lift Matansa to a 5-0 halftime advantage. TanHoldings, after being shut down in the open-

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